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THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT,
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July 29th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 6925 favor Handy & Harman, for $\$35,714^{\underline{90}}$, and Check No. 6924 favor J. B. Colgate & Co, for $\$1.\underline{16}$, both payable in Standard Silver dollars; all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Corrected Report.
(Error made in Weigh Room,)
Cop. 1.12 in Registers.

See page 459 Old Book

July 29th 8

J. B. Colgate & Co

New York

22d inst 8

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July 30th

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No 6926 to your order, for Fourteen thousand five hundred and twenty three 25/100 (14.523.25) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from you.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Read
Supt.

Handy & Cromise
24 Nassau St.
New York

July 30th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6927 to your order for Twenty eight thousand One hundred and eight 71/100 (28,108.71) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York

July 30th 8

Sir,

I draw this day Check No. 6926, favor Handy & Cronise, for $14.523.25, and No. 6927, favor J & W. Seligman & Co. for $28.108.71, (Std. Silver Dolls) all in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. US
New York

July 30   8

Sir:

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $34,500. for the support of this Mint for the month of August, 1878, out of the following current appropriations,

Salaries	$3,500.
Wages of Workmen	25.000.
Incidentals	6.000.

It would be a great accommodation if you could mark this requisition "Special," and thus anticipate the usual time for remitting the draft, for the reason that numbers of our employes, who will take their annual vacation in August, will not be able to do so, unless they can get payments on account of that month. Mr. M. V. Davis, special employé, to whom you have granted leave of absence for the entire month, desires me to advance his per diem for the whole month, Shall I make this advance? If so I must be placed in funds, or I will not be able to do so.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 30 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst, was received on the 27th inst, and referred to our Assayer, whose reply I herewith enclose, with my approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. A. S. Jacobs,
Supt. Miami Mill Co.
Globe District
Arizona

July 30

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. was duly received.

At the present price of silver in London, 62 3/4 d, trade dollars are worth at the Mint, by weight as bullion, about 90 2/3 cents each, in standard silver dollars,

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

J. H. Millard Esq. Cas.

Omaha

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July 30   8

Sir.

Your letter of the 29th inst, has been received.

We did not take your coins at their nominal value, but bought them by weight as bullion after melting and assay, at one half cent below the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day they reached the Mint.

The weight after melting was 186.60 standard ounces, and the price paid $1.036 per ounce, value $193.35 in standard silver dollars. The returns are correct, but the market value of silver bullion is not equal to its nominal value as coin. Very

Very Respectfully
Jas Quinn
Supt

Jacob R. Long, Esq. Cat.
Mount Joy
Pa.

July 31st 8

Sir.

I enclose herewith a Statement of Domestic Silver Bullion Purchases for the month of June 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 31 8

Sir.

Yours of the 30th inst has been received.

We have the coins you mention in the Mint Cabinet, and therefore do not wish them.

The Mint does not "pay a premium on these coins on account of high purity of same".

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.

D. Miller & Co

Baltimore

Md

July 31 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, as it does other silver, by weight, as bullion; and after melting and assay, pays for them in U. S. standard silver dollars, only at the rate of one half cent below the equivalent of the London price of silver, on the day the Mexican dollars reach the Mint; you paying freight both ways. At the present price of silver in London, 52¾ d. Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint about 90½ cents, each, in standard dollars.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock, Supt.

Mr. C. J. McRae, Teller,
Galveston, Texas.

July 21 8—

Sir.

In compliance with your directions of the 6th of July, inst, I herewith transmit for payment, the following approved and receipted bills, in duplicate, for the supplies specified, for the Mint at Denver, which were delivered yesterday to Major J. J. Dana, Quarter Master, U. S. Army, in this City, for shipment, according to your instructions.

1.	David Gilbert & Son Assayers Tongs	$28.00
2.	Philips & Jacobs Hessian Crucibles	17.83
3.	Bullock & Crenshaw Annealing Cups & Beakers	15.50

4. Chas. B. Hare. Preparing Lead.	$4.80
5. Nathan Trotter & Co Pig Lead.	3.24

The Hessian crucibles (115) were packed in a cask, marked No 1, the balance will be forwarded as soon as they are received from Europe, the remaining articles were packed in a box, marked No. 2.

I expect to be able to forward the matrasses and cupel furnaces, specified in your requisition, in about a week from this date.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

July 31st 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6929 to your order for Eighteen thousand nine hundred and Six 49/ (18,906.49/) Dollars, Std Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman

New York

July 31st 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6928 to your order for Sixty four thousand three hundred and thirty One ^{13} (64.331 ^{13}) Dollars Std Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

July 31st 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6928, favor J & W. Seligman & Co, for $64.331.13, and Check No. 6929 favor Handy & Harman for $18.906.49, all in Std Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

July 31 82

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month ending July 31. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

July 31 8

Sir

The enclosed original and duplicate C/D, No. 48, from the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Buffalo, New York July 26, for $2,000, (standard silver dollars) forwarded by me to that Bank on T. O. #5182, are a novelty in my experience. Please advise me what disposition I shall make of them.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Statement of Bullion Fund –

2114190 31
2833315 20
1837228 61
3329453 99

10114188 11

725000		87200
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231621		70202 16
14369 31		5027 8
—	New York a/c	88532 37
2114190 31		1837228 61

To Treasurer U.S.

July 31st 8

Sir:

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$2,112,596.87.
Silver.	1,887,944.88.
Refining & Parting a/c.	371.89.
Ordinary a/c, Regular.	9,294.10.
Manfr of Stand Dollars,	5,117.46.
Minor Coinage,	70,764.40.
" Coins Exchanged,	4,986.70.
" " Reissued	21,308.00.
" Coinage Redemption.	270,264.90.
	$4,382,648.70.

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

August 10th '8

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 29th ult. asking if we buy old silver coins &c., I enclose a circular issued by the Treasury Department, giving you the desired information.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Mr. S. S. Fowler.
Elizabeth City
N. C.

August 4th

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 30th ult. "What do you pay in currency for silver Mexican dollars delivered at the Mint," I enclose you a circular issued by the Treasury Department giving you the desired information.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
E. A. Ezekiel.
Richmond
Va.

Aug. 1st 8

Sir

I hand you herewith my Ordinary Expense a/c. for June 1878, with the vouchers.

I have held this a/c. to this time, for the purpose of paying therefrom the cost of sundry items contracted for prior to the close of the fiscal year, and not yet completed, but which will be delivered and bills rendered in the course of 2 weeks. Such of these expenses as may be properly paid from the Standard Dollar Appropriation will be so disposed of, and any others transmitted to you for settlement from the unexpended balance deposited in the U.S. Treasury this day

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 1st 8

Sir.

I enclose C.D. No 11629 for $4671.50 paid into the Treasury of the U.S. being the unexpended balance of the Ordinary Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1878

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

August 2 8

Sir

Your letter of July 30th has been received.

Under the regulations now governing the operations of the Mint, I do not receive deposits of Silver from private parties to be coined into halves, quarters and dimes. Those pieces are coined for the U. S. Government only, and distributed to the public in the manner and on the terms specified in the Treasury Circular already mailed to you, and not otherwise. The Mint receives Mexican dollars, and other Silver, only as a purchase, payable in Standard Silver dollars on the terms of the circular issued by the Director of the Mint, which I enclose for your information and guidance.

The Adams Express Company, in whose custody your Mexican dollars remain, is anxious to know at your earliest convenience what disposition shall be made of them.

Yours respectfully
J. L. Pollock
Superintendent

C. S. Gillett Esq.
Cash. Hartford
Conn

August 2 8

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement in Settlement of the Coiners Account for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1878 made with the Superintendent June 29th 1878

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 2

Sir

I herewith transmit a Synopsis of the Engineers Log, U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Month ending July 31st 1878

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

August 2. 8

Sir

Your postal card of July 31st has been received.

The Mint will purchase silver ware by weight as bullion in amounts not less than $100.= in value, and after melting and assay, pay for it in U. S. Standard Silver dollars at half a cent per ounce fine below the equivalent of the London price of Silver on the day your silver reaches the Mint, you paying the freight both ways.

Yours respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Mr John Watson
Chicago
Ill

August 2 8

Sir

Your letter of July 31st has been received.

The Mint will buy your Mexican and Spanish Silver Coins in sums of not less than $100.00 on the terms and in the manner stated in the Director's Circular which I herewith enclose for your information and guidance

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Mr S. J. Fries
Altoona
Pa

August 2 8

Sir

I duly received the package of Department Circulars Specified in your letter of July 31st "relative to the value of the Mexican and trade dollar" and have already made use of a number of them

They will be a great convenience in replying to the numerous inquiries I daily receive on that Subject

Very respectfully

Jas Crawford

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Aug. 2d 8

Sir.

I enclose Transfer Orders Nos. 5250 & 5253 for $10.000 — each, belonging to my Transcript No. 222 of the Bullion Fund, closing the a/c for July 31st 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

August 2

Sir

I herewith transmit for your Office, Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged for the Month of July 1878.

I also forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations at the Mint for the same Month

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

August 2 8

Sir

I have received and accepted the the resignation of Harvey S. Durnall, Laborer in the general department of this Mint, at $2.75 to take effect from the 31st of July, ultimo, and his name has been dropped from the rolls accordingly

Very respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Aug. 3d. 8

Sir.

I report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, at Ozs. 3,287,665.^{35}, Standard.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 2d 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst, has been received.

I am authorized now to recoin your silver, and after melting and assay, pay for it in U. S. legal tender silver dollars, at the rate of half a cent per ounce fine, below the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day your silver reaches the Mint, you paying the freight both ways.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Mr
J. H. Johnston.
New York.

Augt 8

Sir;

Yours of the 31st ult. has been received.

The Mint receives, and pays for old gold and silver coins, as bullion only. As to what they are worth to coin dealers and collectors, I can only say that, the ½ Eagle of 1808, is not rare, and doubtless worth but little above its face value.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. R. Mather Cashier.
Ironton
Ohio

Aug 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6930 to your order, for Thirty Seven Hundred and twenty four 36/ (3724 36/) Dollars, Std. silver dollars, in payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint

Very Respy
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Statement of Silver Purchase -

Aug 3d 8

J & W. Seligman
& Co. New York
July 22d 8

100.273.76
100.136.14
115 3/4 115.907.59

To Director of the Mint

Aug. 3d 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6931 to your order for Thirty Six thousand four hundred and Sixty one 97/100 (36.461.97) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Returns for the lot recd this a.m. will be made on Monday, which I understand, closes the Contract of 150,000 ozs.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Crooke
New York

Aug. 3^{d}

Sir,

I draw this day Check No. 6930, favor J & W. Seligman & Co for $ 3,724.$\underline{36}$, and Check No. 6931, favor Handy & Harman for $ 36.461.$\underline{97}$, all payable in Standard Silver dollars, being for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas U.S.
New York

August 3d 8

Gentlemen.

The Mint has the following old materials for sale, viz.

3 tons burnt iron
2 " wrought iron gas pipe.
1 " good cast iron

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned, until Saturday, August 10th, 1878 at 12 o'clock noon, endorsed "bids for old materials," The money to be paid, and materials removed immediately after notice of the acceptance of the bid, Bidders can examine the materials between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. on August 10th. Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock Supt

A. Purves & Son.
S.E. Cor. South & Penn St.

Augst 3   8

The foregoing letter asking bids for the materials, was also sent to the following dealers.

Harry Roth
C. K. Lippincott & Co
Richard Farrah
J. M. Bull.
Ruesenius, Cunliffe & Co.

Aug 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6932 to your Order for Twelve thousand Seven hundred and forty Seven 29/100 (12,747.29/100) Dolls Std. Silver Dollars, being in full for Silver Bullion purchased from your firm by the Director of the Mint, @ 115 3/4 per Oz fine, and completing the purchase of 150,000. fine Ozs.

Very Respy
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Harman
New York

Aug. 3d 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6932 favor Handy & Carnelse for $12.747.29, Std Silver dollars, in full for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respy
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

August 3d 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 3d 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augt 3d 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of July 27, I herewith transmit dupli-cate receipt, July 30, from Maj. J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U. S. Army in this city, for one bundle and two sacks of linen coin bags for-warded to the Mint at San Fran-cisco, by your direction.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

August 3d 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit duplicate receipt July 30. from Maj. J. J. Dana, Quartermaster U.S. Army in this City, for one box and one cask of supplies for the Mint at Denver, in part of your requisition of July 6. 1878, and specified in detail, in my letter to you of July 31. ultimo.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

August 30 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. has been received.

The Mint does not exchange silver dollars for 3¢ and 5¢ nickels. The latter are redeemed in the manner prescribed in the enclosed circular.

We do not redeem silver 3¢ and 5¢ coins. There is no law authorizing it. But we will receive them by weight as bullion in sums of not less than 5 oz. and after melting and assaying, pay for them in standard silver dollars at the rate of one half cent below the equivalent of the London price of silver on

the day your coins reach the Mint,
you paying freight both ways.
But you would lose about 15 to 20
per cent by the operation.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

C. Schaner, Jr, Esq
Allegheny
Pa

Statement of Silver Purchase

Aug. 3d 8

Handy & Harman

New York
July 22d 8

150.320.70
150.169.89
115 3/4 c 173.821.67

To
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States at Philada

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

August 3 1878

		1.404.052.71
		382.000.00
		1.786.052.71
	215.411.96	
	239.00	
Reserved for boxing	191.00	
	183.000.00	398.841.96
Balance on hand		1.387.210.75

Jas Pollock

To
Director of the Mint.

August [illegible]

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst, I herewith return pay roll, general department for June 1878, with the signature of the witness to the marks of Martha Horner, Elizabeth Laird, and Caroline Slater.

The bill of the Knickerbocker Ice Co, is correct, the total daily delivery of ice for the general department having been 250 pr man.

The steamboat coal, voucher 238, was a picked quality of coal selected by the Melter & Refiner for his special use, at the best prices, under instructions from th

Director of the Mint, in his letter of June 19. 1878, and confirmed by himself verbally, here, to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 5 8

Sir

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will give you the information called for in your letter of the 2d inst with regard to the bullion value of the Mexican dollar.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

W. Reynolds Esq. Cas.
Marblehead
Mass

August 5 8

Dear Sir

Titanium is a rare metal, and is never found naturally. It is always combined with oxygen, and generally with iron. There is no use made of it, and it has no value. It has a reddish tint, and cannot be melted in any ordinary furnace. We have no samples to spare.

Yours &c.

G. A. [illegible]
Supdt.

Mr H. M. Thomas
Georgetown
Colorado

August 5 8

Sir — Your letter & package, dated June 1, addressed to the Mint at Chicago, where there is no Mint, was sent to the Dead-Letter Office, and from thence was sent here.

It contains four parcels of earthy powder, none of which give any signs of being worth assaying. At any rate, we must have the natural rock, not powdered. An assay will cost five dollars for each sample. We do not assay for lead and zinc.

Yours &c.
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr John O. Chitwood
Nashville
Brown Co. Indiana

August 5 8

Sir

Please make a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500,) in gold coin, from the moneys arising from charges collected from depositors for the refining and parting of bullion, to meet expenditures of the Refinery of this Mint, for the current month August, 1878, and with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1 1873.

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint Jas Pollock Supt

August 5 8

Sir:

The Express route from Pueblo to Denver, being outside of the Government contract with the Adams Express Co, I am directed by the Treasurer of the United States to refund to you out of sources available here for that purpose, the sum of $8, paid by you June 24th, last, to Sanderson's Express Co, for transportation of $995 standard silver dollars from Pueblo to Denver. You will therefore, for this purpose, please sign and return to me the enclosed duplicate bills for the amount, with directions how I shall send you the money. You will also please sign the receipt at the bottom of the enclosed warrant, the date to be inserted here after its return, and forward it to me with the receipted bills, I will then obtain the money and remit as you may direct.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Berry
Supt

G. W. Kassler
Asst Cashier
First National Bank
Denver.
Col

August 8

Sir.

I herewith transmit, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Cft. of this date, No. 4644, for $360.89 in gold coin, on account of parting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crouch
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 5 — 8

Sir:

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will furnish the information the information called for in your letter of the 2d inst. with regard to the bullion value of Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
[illegible]

Mr.
Jas. W. Jones
Kansas City
Mo.

August 5 8

Sir:

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 3d inst, with regard to the bullion value of Mexican dollars,

Very Respectfully

Secy

John B. Smith, Esq. &c

Louisville

Ky.

Aug. 5th 18

Sir.

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 3rd inst, to be $9.518.688.18, subdivided approximately thus—

Gold Coin	$1.605.762.
" Bullion	2.841.743.51
Silver Coin	1.843.836.21
" Bullion	3.227.346.46
Total	$ 9.518.688.18

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Aug. 5th 8

Sir

I hand you herewith my a/c of the Refining Expenses for July 1878.

Very Respy

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 5th 8

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 3d inst, I have to state, in reference to the value of the bars from the Denver Mint, that the loss on the sweeps was 48 cents, and on the deduction bars 84 cents.

There is a slight difference in the assays, and a charge as usual, on bars of this class, which make the small discrepancy referred to.

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Aug 6

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 3rd Inst with regard to the bullion value of Mexican dollars.

We make returns in about three days after the dollars reach the Mint.

The package should be directed "U. S Mint, Philadelphia Pa" with your name and address plainly written on the outside of it and your instructions &c. inside as well as by mail.

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Mr F. S. Carter
Meridian
Miss

Aug 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase your old Silver coins by weight as bullion on the terms of the enclosed circular, which I transmit for your information and guidance.

The package should be addressed "U S Mint Philadelphia Pa" with your name and address plainly written on the outside of it and your instructions sent inside as well as by mail.

Yours respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

G. W. Witherspoon Esq.
Care Mercersburg
Pa

Aug 6th 8

Sir.

I enclose statement of Domestic Silver Purchases for July. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Cr[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 6: 8

Sir

I herewith transmit the following Statements for the month of July 1878.

1 Deposits and Purchase of Gold and Silver Bullion

2. Gold and Silver of domestic production

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 7 8

Sir

I herewith forward to your office for payment, approved receipted bill in duplicate, of E. A. & A. L. Boulton, of this City, for $124.75 for two large assay furnaces for the Mint at Denver, furnished under your requisition of July 6. 1878. The furnaces are packed and will be delivered tomorrow to Maj. J. J. Dana, Quarter Master U. S. Army, for transportation to Denver.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

August 7 8

Sir

I have transferred and appointed Hugh W. Ginn, Laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2.70 per diem as a Night Watchman, at the same compensation, and have changed his position on the rolls accordingly. This transfer to date from the first of August inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

August 7 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received.

I find upon inquiry that the Adams Express Co. have in their possession, a box addressed to Jos. Willcox, Assayer, Phila, but as there is no such person here, they have been waiting to hear from the owner, to know what to do with it.

If it was intended for the Mint, you will instruct the Express Co, to deliver it there, and also direct them what to do with the gold bullion it is said to contain. I am informed there is $1. Expressage to pay on the box.

Very Respectfully
Jas. R. [illegible]
Supt

Mr. J. H. Allen.
Spartansburg
S. C

P. S.

Address your letter to Geo. C. Thompson, Esq. Agent of Adams Express Co. U. S. Mint, Phila

Aug 7th 8

Sir,

I draw this day Check No. 6933 favor Lazard Freres, for $16.052.51, Std. Silver dollars, for Silver Bullion Purchase.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Aug. 7th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6933 to your Order for Sixteen thousand and fifty two $^{.54}$ (16,052 ^{54}/) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Lazard Frere's
New York

Statement of Silver Purchase -

Aug. 7th 8

Lazard Freres

New York
3d inst 8

13.954.27
13.917.58
11534 16.052.54

Director of the Mint. Jas. Pollock

Augst 8 –

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase your Mexican dollars, on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully

Supt

C. N. G. Butt, Cas.
Charlotte
N. C

August 8 —

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th inst has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase your Mexican dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise.

We make returns in about three days.

Halves, quarters and dimes are coined for the U.S. Government only, and not for private depositors.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Johnston & Cheek
Danville Va

August 8 8

Sir:

Your postal card of the 2d inst. has been received.

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of ores, to see if they contain gold or silver. The charge is $5, prepaid, for each specimen assayed.

We do not make assays for copper, but only for the precious metals. Half a pound of ore, if a fair average specimen, will be sufficient for an assay. A report cannot be expected under two or three weeks, on account of the pressure of our regular Mint business.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Supt.

Mr. M. S. Coleman.
Texas Creek, Col.

August 8

Sir

I need, and should have within a week, twenty five (25) blank pay rolls, to be used for the current month. We are entirely out, and I will thank you to apply to the Bureau of Stationery for this number, in advance of our semi-annual supply and in addition thereto.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 9 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 7th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, on the terms of the circular which I herewith inclose for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Hyatt Levings & Co.
Washington
Ind

August 9 8

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of July 12 (just received) we do not use a blank form of certificate in ore assays, whether of rock, or in powder, or pulp. We simply state the facts and figures, in a written note.

Nor would it be proper, I think, to send blank forms without due authority.

Yours resp'y

Supdt.

Donald Robb Esq
Assayer
Oakvale, Arizona

August 9

Sir:

I have this morning received by mail the two books of blank pay receipts, specified in your letter of the 8th inst.

Very Respectfully,
Jas [illegible]
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 10 8

Sir:

I herewith enclose duplicate receipt from Maj. J. J. Dana, Quarter Master U. S. Army, at Philadelphia, for two (2) casks assay furnaces, delivered to him for transportation to the Mint of the United States at Denver, under your requisition of July 6. 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 10 8

Sir

The blank pay rolls specified in your letter of the 9th inst. have been received.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiscox
Actg Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

August 10th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.137.129.33 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Act'g Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 10 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 10. 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 10th 8

Sir;

Your letter of the 7th. inst. has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase Mexican dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular.

We generally make returns in about three days.

Very respectfully,

H C Hickok

Acting Superintendent.

Mr. Edmund Burr,
Leavenworth,
Kansas.

August 10 8—

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

Our calculations under the Directors circular would make your silver worth $1.03031 per ounce standard; as follows.

1 oz 1.000 fine @ 52½d = $1.1509
Less ½ cent per oz fine .50
$1.1459

Less 1/10 11459
oz standard = $1.03031

We, of course, only pay on our own assay.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. Handy & Harman.
New York.

H. C. Hickok
Actg Supt.

Notice - This

Movement of Silver Dollars

Philada

Aug. 10. 8

1.387.210.75

194.000.00

1.581.210.75

To transfer of funds to Cr. Sept. at N.Y. ... 500.000.00

Total $2.081.210.75

18.286.54

119.00

Reserved for Assay 105.00

187000.00 205.510.54

1875.700.21

To Director of the Mint

August 12 8

Sir:

The draft on New York for $500, enclosed in your letter of the 9th inst, is herewith returned.

Dimes can only be procured from the Mint on the terms, and in the manner prescribed by the Treasury circular, which I herewith enclose for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Wm H. Park, Esq. Cas.
Pawtucket
R. I.

Augst 12   8

Sir:

Your postal card of the 10th inst, has been received.

The Mint will recoin and purchase Mexican and Trade dollars, by weight as bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, which I forward for your information and guidance. We make returns in about three days.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr.
W. W. Ward,
Charlotte
N. C.

Aug 12th 8

Sir.

The amount of the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 10th inst is $9.576.688.18 sub divided approximately thus, i.e

Gold Coin	$1.352.880.50
" Bullion	2.841.625.91
Silver Coin	2.330.301.99
" Bullion	3.051.880.68
	$9.576.688.18

Very Respectfully
A. H. Hickok
Act'g Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 12 8

Gentlemen.

Your sealed bids for cast scrap iron at $12.00 per ton, and for wrought scrap iron at $18.00 per ton, being the highest received, are accepted; and you will please make payment, and remove the iron without delay.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Busenius, Cunliff & Co.
12th & Washington Ave
Phila

August 12

Sir:

Your sealed bid for burnt iron at $17.25 per ton, being the highest received, is accepted, and you will please make payment and remove the iron without delay.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr
J. M. Bulk.
911 Melon st
Phila

August 12   8

Gentlemen.

Your sealed bid for wrought gas pipe, at $16.82 per ton, being the highest received, is accepted; and you will please make payment and remove the pipe without delay.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
A. Purves & Son
No. 17 South St
Phila

August 13. 1878.

The following Report of the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, of the assay of test coins issued at this Mint in July and August 1878, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner of this Mint.

Denomination.	Weight.	Fineness.	
	grs. dec.	Gold	Silver
July			
Silver Dollar.	412,45	Trace	900.3
" "	413,1	"	900.1
" "	413 2	"	900.5
" "	413,15	.1	899.1
August			
Double Eagle.	516,1	899.9	7
Silver Dollar.	413,15	.1	899.5
" "	413,25	.1	899.8
" "	413,3	.1	899.4
" "	413,15	.1	900.5

James Pollock,
Supt.
per W.B.C.

August 13 8

Gentlemen.

We have no one cent pieces of 1878 on hand, and it is not probable that any more will be coined this year. But if so, will endeavor to bear you in mind.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Mitchell & Co
Boston
Mass

August 13 8

Gentlemen.

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 12th inst, with regard to the bullion value of the Trade Dollar.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Ulrich, Weik & Co
Schaefferstown
Pa

August 18   8

Gentlemen,

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 12th inst, with regard to the bullion value of the Trade Dollar.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Meſsrs.
Riegel & Simeman
Easton
Pa

August 13 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst. was received this morning.

In selling silver to the Director of the Mint in lots of over 10,000 ozs, the contracting parties make their own bargain in each case, and the Mint is governed by the result, as communicated by the Director, without knowing what elements entered into the calculation of the price to be paid.

In the purchase of silver by the Mint in lots not exceeding 10,000 ozs. we are governed by one uniform rule, as prescribed by the Director. The price in all cases, after melting and assaying, is the equivalent of the London quotation, at the par of exchange, ($4.8665) on the day the silver is received at the Mint (not the day of payment) less one half cent per ounce fine; deducting, of course, the Mint charges, according to the quality of the bullion.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Handy & Harman
New York.

Augst 14   8

Sir,

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 12th inst, with regard to Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

W. T. Hume, Esq. Cas.
Clarksville
Ten

Aug. 14th 8

July 31st 1878

H C Hickok
Acty. Supt.

To Assist Treas US
NY

August 14 8

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by mail of blank "certificates of silver purchases" and "minor coins deposited for redemption," specified in your two letters of the 12th inst, and called for in the superintendents last semi-annual requisition.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D C

August 15 8

Gentlemen,

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 13th inst, with regard to the value of Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
H G Hickok
Acting Sup

Messrs.
J. T. Morehead & Co
Leaksville
N. C

August 15 8

Sir,

Your requisition of the 14th inst., for supplies and apparatus specified, for the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been received, and the articles will be procured and delivered to Quarter Master Dana, as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 15th 8

Sir:

The enclosed Circular from the Director of the Mint will give you the terms and conditions on which we receive and purchase Mexican dollars.

The freight charges you can ascertain at the Express office in your town.

Very respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Superintendent.

T. S. Anderson, Esq.,
Prest Owensboro' Savings Bank
Owensboro', Ky.

August 15th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. has been received.

The Mint purchases Mexican and other silver coins only on the terms of the enclosed Circular, and not otherwise.

We do not remit by draft on the Assistant Treasurer, as requested in your letter.

Very respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Superintendent.

Geo. A. Ives, Esq.
Cashier Union National Bank,
Chicago, Ill.

August 15 8

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 10th inst, was duly received.

Silver coins are not redeemable, there being no law authorizing it. But the Mint will receive and purchase your silver 3 ¢ pieces, by weight as bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular, in sums of not less than $100. You would lose about 25 per cent by the operation

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
McKinney & Phelps,
Binghampton
N. Y.

August 16th 8

Sir

Your postal card of the 10th inst. has been received.

The enclosed circulars will give you all the information requested, in regard to the purchase of minor coins, and the value of Mexican dollars at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. H. Bledsoe
Alvarado
Texas

Aug. 16th 8

Sir

I hand you herewith a Statement of the Movement of Standard Silver Dollars from the commencement in March last to August 10th inst. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Notice – All statements forwarded prior to this are included in this one and this should be considered as covering the entire transactions in the

Movement of Standard Silver Dollars from March 12th to August 10th inc. 1878.

By transfer to credit of Supt. with the Asst. Treas. U.S. New York.		$1.000.000.
Received from Coiner's hands,		6.295.500.
Total		$ 7.295.500
Paid Counter Purchases	$ 22.170.99	
" Draft do	180.453.79	
" Parting do	3.828.06	
" Transfer Orders,	1.752.000.	
" do Letters.	126.995.	
" Transportation	6.937.95	
" Assay Coins	3.060.	
" Exchanges	24.230.	5.119.799.79
Balance Aug. 10th 3 P.M.		$ 1.875.700.21

To Director of the Mint

August 17 8

Sir.

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, will give you the information in regard to Mexican dollars, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst. Returns are made in about three days.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. James G. Farrell.
P. O. Box #447
Baltimore.
Md.

Aug 17th 8

Sir

I enclose Express Receipt No. 19. for Four hundred thousand (400.000) Dollars shipped you this day in Double Eagles on a/c Invoice No. 10.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos. C. Acton
Supt. U S Assay Office
New York

Aug 17th 8

Sir;

The Approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.010.180.90. Standard Ounces

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 17 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending August 17th 1878.

Very Respectfully

Ja. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Augt 17th 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I send you my personal check on the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank of this City, for $8, being in full for amount paid by you to Sandersons Express Co for freight on 995 standard silver dollars from Pueblo to Denver, as per your bill dated June 24. 1878. enclosed in your letter of August 13th inst. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

Geo W. Kessler, Cashier.

1st Nat Bank.

Denver. Col.

Augt 19 8

Sir.

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will give you the information with regard the purchase by the Mint of Mexican silver dollars, requested in your letter of the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

L. M. Longshaw, Esq

Elizabethtown

Ky

August 19 8

Sir.

Yours of the 17th inst. has been received.

The Mint receives and purchases Mexican dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular, but there is no law authorizing payment to be made in halves and quarters, they being coined exclusively for the U. S. Government.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Jas. S. Forbes.
St Louis
Mo

August 19 8

Gentlemen.

The inclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, will give you the information in regard to the purchase of Mexican, Trade dollars &c, by the Mint, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Houston & Bro
Greensboro
N. C

August 19 8

Sir,

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will furnish you with the information in regard to the purchase of Mexican and Trade dollars by the Mint, requested in your letter of the 17th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. John C. Williams, Cas
Bk of Commerce.
Richmond
Va

Aug 19th 8

Sir.

I am in receipt of a communication from Lazard Frere's, New York, stating that you have purchased from them a small lot of Silver Bullion, and that they have shipped the same.

Please notify me if this purchase is correct, as I have no information of it from your Office.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 19   8

Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not redeem U.S. subsidiary silver coin, there being no law authorizing it.

Mutilated silver coins are received as bullion, by weight, and after melting and assay paid for in standard silver dollars, or bars, on the terms mentioned in the enclosed circular for the purchase of Mexican dollars &c.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr. N. N. Betts. Cas
Towanda, Pa.

Aug. 19th 8

Sir.

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 17th inst, at $ 9.254.693.09 Sub divided approximately as follows viz:

Gold Coin	$	1.409.281.50
" Bullion		2.785.224.01
Silver Coin		2.169.200.53
" Bullion		2.890.987.05
	$	9.254.693.09

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

August 19 8

Sir.

The enclosed letter from Messrs, Lord, Smead & Co, asking value of Foreign gold and silver coins, is respectfully referred to you for reply as we have no circular, or list, of recent date bearing on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Philad^a

Aug. 17 D

1.875.700.21
162.000

2037.700.21

Local	2.088.00	
	192.00	
	3.00	
Res. for Assay	81.00	
	311.000.00	
Tr. Letter	4.000.00	317.364.00
		1.720.336.21

To Director of the Mint –

August 20 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Melter & Refiners Reports of Bullion Operations and Silver Meltings during July 1878, with letter from that officer in explanation.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August 20 8

Sir

I herewith forward to your Office for payment approved receipted bill in duplicate, of A. S. Tomkinson, of this City, for $18.65 for "7 dozen Blown Assay Bottles", for the Mint at Denver, furnished under your requisition of July 6th 1878, which have been packed and delivered to Maj. J. J. Dana Quartermaster U. S. Army for transportation to Denver this morning.

Your requisition called for 6 doz.— but as the box contained 7 doz. we forwarded that number.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock Su

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Aug. 21st 78

Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Will send check to your order in care Bank New York.

Jas. Crawford
Supt Mint.

Aug. 21st 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6934 to your order for Twenty One thousand three hundred and Seventy five 84/100, (21.375^{84}) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Lazard Frères.
65 Pine St.
N.Y

Aug. 21st 8

Sir,

I draw this day Check No. 6934 favor Lazard Frères for $21.375.84, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respy
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

August 21st 8

Sir,

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint will give you the information requested in your letter of the 19th inst. as to the value &c. of trade dollars,

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Gregory

Supt.

Mr. P. H. Bond,
Oxford
Ohio

August 21st 8

Sir

The enclosed circular, issued by the Treasury Department will give you the information desired in your letter of the 19th inst, with regard to the redemption of minor coins.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
[illegible]

Mr. C. M. Wieder. P.M.
Columbia
S.C.

August 21st 8—

Gentlemen.

In reply to your enquiry of the 19th inst, the 5 ct nickel is composed of 3/4 parts copper and 1/4 part nickel. Its gold value* depends upon the market price of the metals entering into its composition, and the value of the labor &c, employed in its manufacture, which I am not able to furnish you, by reason of the frequent fluctuations in the price of these metals, and the difficulty of determining the amount of labor on a single coin.

E. K. Smith & Co.
Columbia, Pa

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock Supt

August 21 8

Sir.

The enclosed circular from the Director of the Mint, will give you the information requested, with regard to value &c of Mexican dollars, in your letter of the 19th inst.

Very Respectfully
J. A. [illegible]
Supt

Mr. A. Harris
No. 1322 Main St
Richmond
Va

Report of Silver Purchase

Aug. 21st 8

Lazard Frères

New York

19th inst

18.551.50

18.529.68

$1.1536 21.375.84

To Director of the Mint

August 21st 8

Sir,

In reply to your enquiry of the 14 instant I have to say that the dies now used for the new silver dollar are slightly different from those first used, in the particulars named by you. The branch of olive, and the arrows as originally engraved, have been slightly altered, amongst other alterations, to enable the work to come up better in striking, and to add to the symmetry of the piece. All the dies now in use in this and the other Mints, have been struck from the same hub, and are therefore alike, so that in future issues of this piece there will be no difference.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Beck
Supt

Mr. R. E. Brown
La Crosse
Wis

August 21 8

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst has been received.

The Mint charge is $5. for each specimen assayed, in advance. About 1/2 pound is sufficient for an assay, in rock, not powder.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Dr. J. E. Ross.
Ashland
Ohio

August 21 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward receipt of Maj. J. J. Dana. Quartermaster U. S. Army, this City, for one box glassware sent to the Mint at Denver, and not enclosed in my letter of yesterday, because not then received.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Clerk

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

Aug. 22d 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6935 for One hundred and thirty thousand (130000) Dollars, in your favor, for a/c Silver Bullion purchased @ 115½ cts per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Aug. 22d 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6936 to your Order for One hundred thousand (100.000) Dollars for a/c Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman
New York
Care of Bank of New York

Aug. 22d 8

Sir.

I draw this day Checks Nos. 6935 & 6936 for $130.000, and $100.000 each — respectively, the former in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co, and the latter in favor of Handy & Crouse.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Aug 22d 8

Sir;

I am in receipt of your "D.W.H." letter of 21st inst; returning to me Transcript of a/c Current, Minor Coinage Redemption a/c. for the period ending 17th Aug. inclusive, — with the request, that I enter thereon. the Amt of Redemption Certificate No 1278. Asst Tr U.S. Cincinnati, Ohio for $3429.56.

In reply I have to state, that the date on the certificate mentioned is that on which the *count* was made, and *not* the *date* on which the amount ($3429.56) is carried into our accounts.

It has been the custom, for years past (except in rare instances) for our Redemption Clerk. to receive the

the coin redeemed, from the counters, late on the day it is counted, so late in fact, that it is impossible to make report of the same to the Cashier and Book-Keeper, in time to appear on their accounts for that day — but on the next following — this case being treated as all others have been, and the accounts closed accordingly.

If I make the entry as you request it will unship our balances, and cause confusion in the accounts of this office; and therefore beg leave to return to you unaltered, the transcript above mentioned.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon Jas. Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Aug. 22nd 8

Gentlemen

I forward this day to the Care of the Bank of New York, as instructed by you, Check No. 6936 to your order for One hundred thousand (100.000) Dollars Std. Silver Dollars, for a/c of Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Messrs. Handy & Harman
27 Nassau St
N.Y.

P.S. Please receipt the forms sent in above letter in your own firm name, and very much oblige

August 22 8

Sir

Your letter of the recent date, has been received.

In reply I would say that "mineral rods" are out of date, they never did any thing but deceive people. Nothing will do but hard digging, and that at a venture.

The ten cents enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Dr. H. Bryan.
Vincent Station
Washington Co
Ohio

23?

August 30 8

W. E. Nichols Esq.
East Warren Vt.

Dear Sir

Your note of the 20th inst. received. The coin you describe is a Spanish-Mexican Quarter-dollar- and only worth its intrinsic value. about 20 cts.

Yours respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

August 28

Sir:

The enclosed circular will give you the information requested, with regard to value of Mexican and Trade dollars, in your letter of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr M. R. Wilson, Cas.
Sullivan
Ind.

August 23d. 8

Mrs M. Morgan
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your Postal Card, I have to say, the Mint receives Mexican dollars only as Bullion. The Bullion is weighed and the fineness ascertained, and the depositor is paid in standard silver dollars for the number of fine ounces (conts in the deposit) at the London rate on the day of deposit, less one-half cent per ounce. There is no charge whatever.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

August 23 8

Sir

Your postal card of the 20th inst. has been received.

I am informed by the Agent of Adams Express Co, located in the Mint building, that your deposit was an old watch, and said by the Assayer not to be worth over $25, and as the Mint does not receive deposits of less value than $100, he returned it to you by Express August 16th.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. E. A. Brown
Cuthbert
Geo

Aug. 23. 8

Sir:

I have this day delivered to Adams Express Company the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty three Thousand Six Hundred and twenty 91/100 (253.620.91) Dollars in Gold Coin, balance of Invoice #10. Receipt of the Express Co. No. 20, enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Henry C. Acton, Esq

Superintendent

U.S. Assay Office

New York

August 23 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I return, as directed, invoice of stationery forwarded to the Mint August 10th, properly receipted.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
John Sherman,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

August 24   8

Sir

The enclosed circular will give you the information requested in your letter of the 23d inst, with regard price of trade dollars &c.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Geo Shannon, Cas.
Norristown
Pa

August 24,   8

Gentlemen.

The enclosed circular will give you the information requested in your postal card of the 22d inst, in regard to value of Spanish, Mexican dollars &c,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

A. Dawes & Co.
Lynchburg
Va

August 24 8

Sir:

The enclosed circular will give you the information requested in your letter of the 21st inst. with regard to value of Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Sup

Mr. Ed. A. Reed
La Moille
Ill

August 24 8—

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received.

The Mint receives silver 3¢ pieces only as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for them in standard silver dollars, on the terms of the enclosed circular in regard to the purchase of Mexican dollars, Trade Dollars and other coin. You would lose about 20% by the transaction. Expense of delivery and return of proceeds, to be paid by depositor.

I understand that some arrangement has been made by the Treas. Department in relation to 3¢ pieces

received by Post Masters,
You had better write to the
Secretary of the Treasury, or
Treasurer U.S. on the subject
who will be able to give you
more definite information in
regard to it.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Purdy
Supt

Mr. P. S. Joslin, P.M.
Carbondale
Pa

August 27 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending August 24. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

August 24 8

Sir.

The $130. old silver coin, mentioned in your letter of the 22d inst. have been received and melted. The proceeds will be sent to you in standard silver dollars, in accordance with the terms of the enclosed circular with regard to the purchase of Mexican dollars &c. Half, quarter dollars and dimes are coined for the U. S. Government only; and can be had only on the terms of the Treasury circular enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Cashier,
Farmers Bank
Mercersburg, Pa

August 24 8

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22d inst, asking what disposition is made of Iridium - if any, in refining gold at this Mint, I enclose letter from our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Aug. 24th 8

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt, per last nights mail, of a supply of blank forms - "Minor Coins Redeemed, Re-issued & Exchanged".

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P.S. Also a supply of blank forms "Estimates of Appropriations for services of fiscal year ending June 30th 1880 - and forms for Deficiency Estimates for the current fiscal year.

J. P. Supt.

Aug 24th 8

Sir;

The Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.135.984.10 Standard Oz's approximately.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 24th 8

Sir;

The Amount of Silver Bullion in hand at the close of business this day is 3.135.984.10 Standard Oz's approximately.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 26th. 8

Sir:

I have to request that you will send me a further supply of the Treasy Dept. Circular No. 80, relative to the value of the Mexican silver dollar. So many letters are recd. asking for information on this subject that our supply is exhausted, send as promptly as possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U. S. Mint
Washington D. C.

Aug. 26th 8

Messrs.

In reply to your letter of the 22d Inst asking for information in relation to Gold Bullion for Coinage. I inclose you a circular giving you full information on the subject.

Very Respecty Yours
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent.

Mess. [illegible] Brother & Co
Glenn Springs S. C.

Aug 26th

Messrs

[illegible] In reply to your letter of the 2d inst. I have to inform you that the trade dollars are worth only their weight in silver at the price of the London quotation on the day of their receipt at the Mint & then at [illegible] per oz. fine, & that is today, if the London quotation is 52 5/8 & its equivalent with the money [illegible] to original [illegible] Standard, the Trade dollar weighs 420 grs & 378 grs fine, which leaves the value of a trade dollar [illegible] less a deduction of 1/2c per oz. [illegible] I make no allowance on the subject of [illegible]

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Messrs. Logan McKee & Co.
Frankfort Ky.

Aug 26th 7

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st Inst. asking the value of the Mexican dollar and the Trade dollar, in currency, I inclose you a Circular, giving full information on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Mr Joseph Bywaters
Paris Texas

Aug 26th 8

Messrs

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst. asking for information in regard to the price of Track Collars, I beg to enclose you a Circular on the subject

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Mess. Moulds Brothers.
325 Penn Street.
Reading Penna.

Aug 26th 8

Messrs.

In reply to yours of the 22d Inst asking the value of Trade Dollars, in the Currency of the U.S. I enclose you a Circular, giving full information on the Subject.

You will have to exercise your own discretion about taking them in exchange for merchandise.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Mess. J. L. Bike & Co
Dayton Ohio.

Aug 26th 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter the 23d Inst. and also a quantity of d three cent coin, said to be Seventy fi dollars ($75.00) returns will be made you for this lot of silver, at its Bullion value by the London quotation less 1/2 ¢ per oz. fine. payable in U.S. Standard silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
J.W. Pollock
Superintendent

Frederick L Palmer.
ier First Nat Bank,
Depository
operstown N. Y.

Philada

Aug. 24 8

1,720,336.21
276,000.
1,996,336.21

Losses	1,714	
By ch. on N.Y. a/c	251,375.84	
	156	
Reserved for Assay	138.	
	202,000	
Transf Letts	23,000	478,383.84
		1,517,952.37

To Director of the Mint

Aug 26th 8

Sir;

I report the Bullion Fund on the 24th at the close of business, at $ 9.023.693.09 - subdivided approximately as follows, viz;

Gold Coin	$ 1.395.029.00
" Bullion	2.799.476.51
Silver Coin	1.959.503.47
" Bullion	2.869.684.11
Total as above	$ 9.023.693.09

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug 26th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose check No 6938. for Thirteen thousand and fifty 28/100 (13.050.28) Dollars, also check No 6940. for Twenty eight thousand, two hundred and ninety one 03/100 (28.291.03) Dolls.— both drawn to your order, payable in Standard Silver Dollars, for Silver Bullion purchased from you.

If you would ship your bullion in lots as purchased by the Director of the Mint, returns could be made more promptly.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mess. Handy Harman

24 Nassau St

New York

Aug 26th 8

Gentlemen.

We forward to-day to the care of Bank of New York - check No 6938 - for Thirteen thousand and fifty 28/100 (13.050.28) Dolls also check No 6940. - for Twenty eight thousand two hundred and ninety one 03/100 (28.291.03) Dollars, respectively, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Harman

24 Nassau St

N.Y.

Will make further returns to you to-morrow

Supt.

Aug 26th 8

Sir;

I draw this day the following checks. Namely No 6938 - favor Handy & Harman N.Y. for $13.050.28. No 6939 favor J & W. Seligman & Co N.Y. for $43.328.62. and No 6940. favor Handy & Harman N.Y. for $28.291.03 payable in Standard Silver Dollars respectively.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr U.S.
New York

P.S. Previous Check No 6937. cancelled.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Aug 26th 8

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith check No 6939. for Forty three thousand three hundred and twenty eight 52/100 (43.328.52) Dollars drawn to your order in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs J. W. Seligman & Co
New York

Statement of Silver Purchase

Aug, 26th 8

J & W. Seligman & Co

New York ——

Aug 20th 8.

150.482.58

150.067.99

115½ 173.328.52

To Director of the Mint –

August 27 8

Gentlemen.

Your postal card of the 23d inst, is received.

Silver bullion is purchased by the Mint, and paid for in standard silver dollars, at the London rate for silver, less 1/2 per cent. Subsidiary silver coins are made for the Government only, and not for depositors of bullion.

Deposits of less value than $100 are not received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Chas. Wandell & Co.
Chicago
Ills.

Philada

Aug. 26 8

To transfer of funds for dept. New York		1.577.952.37
		500.000.00
		50.000.00
		2.067.952.37
(Local)	173	
By ck on New York	84.669.83	
	51.	
Reserved for Assay	25.	
	15.000.00	
		99.918.83
		1.968.033.54

To Director of the Mint

Cashier

August 27 8

Gentlemen,

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the desired information, requested in your letter of the 24th inst, with regard to Mexican silver dollars.

It requires about three days to make returns.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

Erskine & Erskine

Louisville

Ky

August 27 8

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 26th inst, I herewith forward voucher in duplicate covering the compensation of G. H. Jones, Deposit Melter at the New Orleans Mint,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 27/78

Gentlemen,

I enclose herewith checks No 6941 - for Twenty six thousand, one hundred and eighty three 82/100 ($26183.82) Dollars and Check No 6942. for Forty seven Thousand ($47.000.00) Dollars both drawn to your order, and payable in Stand. Silver Dolls respectively, for Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
N.Y.

c/- Bank of N.Y.

Aug 27th 8

Gentlemen,

We forward to-day to the care of Bank of New York - check No 6941 - for Twenty six thousand, one hundred and eighty three $^{82}/_{00}$ (\$26.183.82) Dollars, and check No 6942 for Forty seven Thousand (47.000) Dollars, payable in Standard Silver Dollars, respectively in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mess Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St
" " " N.Y.

Aug 27th

Sir;

I draw this day the following checks on you - viz; No 6941 - favor of Handy & Cronise N.Y. for $26.183.82, and No 6942, favor Handy & Cronise N.Y. for $47.000.00 - payable in Standard Dolls respectively.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr U.S.
New York.

Aug 27th 8

Sir;

I would respectfully ask the early transmission of the draft for payment of Refinery Expenses for the current month.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Requisition for the same was made on the 5th & approved on the 7th Aug. 1878

Jas Pollock
Supt

August 28 8

Sir

The enclosed circular will give you the information desired in relation to depositing gold at the Mint, as requested in your letter of the 24th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

J. C. Lancaster
Glenn Springs
S. C

August 28 8

Sir.

The two packages of blank "Certificates of Gold Deposit" mentioned in your letter of August 9th, post marked the 23d, and received yesterday, have been received.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Elwood
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington,
D.C.

August 28 8

Gentlemen:

The enclosed circular will give you the information in regard to the value &c of Mexican and Trade Dollars, as requested in your letter of the 26th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Hall & Hayward
Louisville
Ky

August 28 8.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received.

A few specimen coins composed of gold and silver, were struck by order of a Committee of Congress, but all have been disposed of.

We have only proof setts of the current year for sale. and no pattern pieces.

I enclose you a price list of the medals and proof setts which we have on sale at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Chas. G. Whitman,

226 Hamilton St.

Albany N.Y.

Copy Telegram) August 28. 1878

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Transfer order No 5392 to First National Bank, Troy N.Y. calls for $10.000. letter of advice notifies same at $5000. which is correct. Answer.

Signed. James Pollock
Supt

August 28 . 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Gold Workings and Silver Workings, Coiners Department, during the month of July 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Phila Pa

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Aug. 23 1878

Balance per last Statement		$1.800.610.72
Received from Coiner		38.000.00
Total		$1.838.610.72
Disbursements		
Paid for Silver purchased Local	$ 28	
" " parted from Gold	$ 51	
Reserved for Assay	$ 19	
Paid Treasurer U. S. Transfer Orders	$ 85.000.00	85.098.00
~~Exchanged for Gold Coin~~		1.753.512.72
Balance on hand		$1.753.512.72

Cashr

Superintendent

To Director of the Mint

August 29 8

Richd. B. Roane Esq.
Newbern Va.

Dear sir

Your note of the 27 inst. received. The first United States silver-dollars were coined in 1794. The dollars of 1795 are common and not rare, hence only worth their intrinsic value, except in an uncirculated condition, which might advance the selling price to a figure not beyond one or two dollars.

Yours respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

August 29   8

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information with regard to exchange of old copper pennies &c, requested in your letter of the 27th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr W. L. Krizer
Norristown
Pa

August 29   8

Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. has been received.

The value of gold dust is just what it assays, and may be worth from $20. an ounce down to a much lower figure. This valuation is in gold coin; not paper. If paper is at a discount of course the dust may be worth more than $20. in paper. The value of an ounce of pure gold, after melting, is $20.67. in gold coin. If gold dust ever sold at $22. per oz. or over, it was in depreciated paper.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr David Knight
Fairview, Idaho

August 29th 8

Sir:

Our Minor Coin Redemption Certificate (a copy of which I enclose) will be exhausted in a few days. We had enough to carry up those ordered some time since.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Phila.

August 29 8

1.753.512.72

40.000.00

1.793.512.72

Local 2.551.

46

Reserve for Assay 20

40.000

42.6[illegible]7.00

1.750.895.72

August 30 8

Sir:

Our Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, having notified me of his expected absence from the Mint for about one week, commencing the 31st inst, I have appointed, with his consent, the Assistant Assayer, Jacob R. Eckfeldt, as Acting Assayer during his absence; and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 20th 8

Sir:

The Minor Coin Redemption Certificates, about which I advised you yesterday, came to hand to day.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

August 30th 8

Sir

I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of Blank pay Rolls this morning per mail

Very respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 30th 8

Sir;

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses" for the Month of July 1878.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Aug 30th 8

Gentlemen:

I forward to day, on Bank of New York checks as follows viz: No 6943, for Nineteen thousand, eight hundred and twenty eight 44/100 ($19.828.44) Dollars No 6944, for Twenty thousand, four hundred and forty four 08/100 (20.444.08) Dollars and No 6945, for Ten thousand, four hundred and twenty seven 09/100 ($10.427.09) Dollars, drawn to your order & payable in Standard Silver Dollars, respectively, for Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint.

In reply to your inquiry in your favor of 28th inst. relative to the custom in reporting assays. - I have to say that

we

we Assay Silver to the 1/4 thous; and if it comes out 998 1/4 we report 998 1/2: Not reporting nearer than 1/2 — But we report 999 on a result of 998 3/4, where the difference occurs repeatedly; so as to do justice to the depositor as well as the Government.

The Assays made at this Mint are not only reliable, but conclusive and we yield to no Assayers in the land.

Very Respectfully
J.W. [illegible]
Supt

Mess Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

Aug 30th 8.

Gentlemen

I enclose herewith, checks Nos 6943 & 6944, for Nineteen thousand, eight hundred & twenty eight 44/100 (19.828.44) Dolls and Twenty thousand, four hundred & forty four 08/100 (20.444.08) Dolls respectively, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ $1.16 1/2 per oz fine — also check No 6945, for Ten thousand four hundred and twenty seven 09/100 (10.427.09) Dolls, in payment for Silver Bullion [illegible] the Director of the Mint @ $1.15 per oz fine —

All of the above being drawn to your order & payable in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Mess Hawley & Cornell
of Bank of Nev.
Nev.

Aug 30th 8

Sir;

I drew on you this day checks, Nos 6943 - 6944 - 6946 - for $9.827.44 - $2,444.08 and $10.427.07, respectively, in favor of Hardy & Brown, New York, & payable in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

August 31 8

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information requested in your letter of the 29th inst, with regard to Mexican and Trade dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Teller,
Merchants Sav. Loan & Trust Co.
Chicago
Ill

August 31 . 75

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information requested in your letter of the 28. inst, with regard to Trade and Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
H. R. Whipple.
Chicago
Ill

Aug 21st 8

Sir;

I hand you herein, with the name properly entered in same, Govt Depositors Certificate No 297 – W. L. Schaffer Cashr – returned to me for correction.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

R. M. Reynolds Esq
First Auditor Treasy Dept
Washington D. C.

Mint of the United States at Philada

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Aug. 30 1878

Balance per last Statement		$1,750,895.72
Received from Coiner		46,000.00
Total		$1,796,895.72
Disbursements		
Paid for Silver purchases N.Y. Chks	$50,699.61	
" parted from Gold	$ 65.00	
Reserved for Assay	$ 23.00	
Paid Treasurer U.S. Transfer Orders	$60,000.00	
~~Exchanged for Gold Coin~~	$	110,787.61
Balance on hand		$1686,108.11

Superintendent.

August 31 8—

Sir:

We have no circular in regard to new silver dollars, as called for in your postal card of the 29 inst.

The only way by which you can procure standard silver dollars from the Mint is, by depositing silver bullion on the terms governing the purchase of Mexican and Trade dollars, as stated in the enclosed circular.

By addressing the Secretary of the Treasury he may be able to direct you how to otherwise procure them.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. E. H. Shulze, Esq.
Kendallville, Ind.

August 31 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for Month ending August 31st 1878.

Also, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending August 31. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

August 31st 8

Joseph Blank Esq,
Central P.O. Columbia Co. Pa.

Dear Sir,

The sample of ore received from you, contains a small amount of Carbonate of Copper. — It is of no value.

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philad

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Aug. 31, 1878

Balance per last Statement		$1.686.108.11
Received from Coiner		42.000.00
Total		$1.728.108.11
Disbursements		
Paid for Silver purchases By Mr H.	$ 42.000	
" " parted from Gold	$ 6	
Reserved for Assay transportation	$ 21	
Paid Treasurer U. S. Transfer Lette	$ 8.000	
Exchanged for Gold Coin	$	$ 50.027.00
Balance on hand		$1.678.081.11

Superintendent.

Aug 3rd 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.049.180.91 Standard ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Aug 31st 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check No 6946 - for Forty two thousand (42.000) Standard Silver Dollars - drawn to your order in payment a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $11485 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
N.Y.

Aug 31st 8

Sir:

I draw on you this day check No 6946.– for Forty two thousand (42.000) Dollars – favor Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co. N.Y. & payable in Stand Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr U.S.
N.Y.

Aug 31st 8

Silver Bullion from Handy & Cromise

New York

Aug 26th 8

[illegible]

10.075.00

9.067.032

1.15 — 10.427.09

Jas. Pollock

To Director of the Mint

August 31st 8

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$1.593.328.19
Silver.	2,101.029.75
Refining & Parting a/c.	449.76
Ordinary a/c regular.	4.618.89
Manfr of Stand Dollars.	1.383.59
Minor Coinage.	70.664.43
" Coins Exchanged.	5.186.67
" " Reissued.	45.400.00
" Coinage Redemption.	286.913.76
	$4.108.975.04

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general conditition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 2 8

Sir

I herewith transmit my requisition of this date, for the sum of $34.000, for the support of this Mint for the month of September 1878, out of the following current appropriations.

Salaries	$3.000.
Wages	25.000
Incidentals.	6.000.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 2d 8—

Sir:

Your letter of August 22d was duly received, but mislaid.

The silver dollar of 412½ grains, is legally equal to the gold dollar, but if defaced or melted would be worth only about 88 cents in gold, at the present price of silver bullion in London.

The gold $1. $5. or $10. pieces would be worth $1. $5. or $10. if defaced or melted, but the Mint would not receive them for recoinage in less quantities than $100. U. S. gold and Silver Coins are all of the same fineness, that is they contain 900 parts of pure metal, and 100 parts of alloy.

Very Respectfully
Jas Roebel
Supt

C. C. Merritt, Esq
Springfield
Mass

Sept 2d 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for payment a receipted bill in duplicate of Chas. Lennig, for $426.88 for supplies furnished to the Melter & Refiners department of this Mint in June last. The bill was not presented to me until the 31st of August, after the balance of the appropriations in my hands for the last fiscal year had been deposited with the asst Treasurer at Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Sept 2d 8

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, in gold coin, out of the current appropriation for parting and refining bullion, to be applied to the payment of the expenses of the Refinery for the present month of September, 1878, and with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1. 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Sept 2d 8

Sir.

I herewith transmit Synopsis of our Engineers Log, for the month of August, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 2d 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged during the month of August 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Sept 2d 8.

Sir,

I report the Bullion Fund, on the 31st August 1878 at the close of business at $9.157.693.09. subdivided approximately as follows, viz:

Gold Coin	$1.596.724.50
" Bullion	2.598.781.01
Silver Coin	2.099.589.62
" Bullion	2.867.697.96
Total as above	$9.157.693.09

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Statement of Bullion Fund

Phila Aug 31st 78.

		1595724 50
		2598781 01
	Mf. a/cs.	2099589 62
		2857697 96
		9151698 09
442280 —		66410 50
26320 —		168229 75
399235 —		11622 26
363245		1760466
138730		
218484		70222 82
7430 50		419 98
	Mf. of Std Dolls	517617 11
1595724 50		2099589 62

To
Treasurer U.S.

Sept 2d 8

Sir;

I draw on you this day check No 6947 — favor Mess J & W. Seligman & Co N.Y. — for $17.780.12 payable in Stand Silver Dolls.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
N.Y.

Sept 2d 8.

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith my check No 6947 for Seventeen thousand, seven hundred and eighty 12/100 (17,780.12) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1485 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Mint of the United States at Phila.

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Sept. 2 1878

Balance per last Statement		$ 1.678.081.11
Received from Coiner		24.000.00
Total		$ 1.702.081.11
Disbursement:		
Paid for Silver purchases Local	$ 540.00	
" " N.Y. ck	17.780.12	
" " parted from Gold	$ 52.00	
Reserved for Assay	$ 12.00	
Paid Treasurer U. S. Transfer Orders	$ 16.000.00	
" " Letter	1.000.00	
Exchanged for Gold Coin	$ 4.00	$ 35.388.12
Balance on hand		1666692.99

Superintendent.

September 3 9

Thos McVay Esq.
Vanceboro. Me.

Dear sir

Your note of 30th ult. — received. We "do not know" of any coin-collector that wishes to purchase the 1795 half-dollar. We advise you to correspond wit regular coindealers. of whom we give you the following.

Edward Cogan.
408 State St. Boston.

J Colvin Randall.
1905 Chestnut St. Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Sept 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I have this morning received by Express three different shipments of fine silver all mixed together without any invoices to enable us to identify and separate the bars, for account of the respective shippers. Please send me at once an invoice of the shipment of silver specified in your letter of the 2d inst, and state in the invoice, the number, weight and fineness stamped on each of your bars.

Hereafter, in all cases, your shipments of silver must be accompanied by a detailed invoice for the information and guidance of the weigh clerks and the Assayer.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Lazard Freres
New York

Sept 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I have this morning received by Express three different shipments of fine silver all mixed together without any invoice to enable us to identify and separate the bars, for account of the respective shippers. Please send me at once an invoice of the shipment of silver specified in your letter of the 2d inst, and state in the invoice, the number, weight and fineness stamped on each of your bars.

Hereafter, in all cases, your shipments of silver must be accompanied by a detailed invoice for the information and guidance of the weigh clerks and the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Meſsrs.
Handy & Cronise
New York

Sept 3d 8

Gentlemen.

I have this morning received by Express three different shipments of fine silver all mixed together without any invoices to enable us to identify and separate the bars, for account of the respective shippers. Please send me at once an invoice of the shipment of silver specified in your letter of the 2d inst, and state in the invoice, the number, weight and fineness stamped on each of your bars.

Hereafter, in all cases, your shipments of silver must be accompanied by a detailed invoice for the information and guidance of the weigh clerk and the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.

J & W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept. 3d 8

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sir

I enclose herewith Statements showing the domestic silver purchased at this Mint during the month of August 1878.

Very respectfully
Jas Crawford
Superintendent

Sept. 3rd 8

Gentlemen,

I have this day forwarded to you (care Bank of New York) my check No 6948. for Twenty five thousand, seven hundred and seventy nine 09/100 (25.779.09) Dollars, drawn to your order and payable in Standard Silver Dollars. for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ 1.16¼ per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs. Hawley & Browne
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

Sept 3d 8

Sir:

I draw on you this day check No 6948 - for $25.779.09 payable to order Mess. Handy & Cronise, in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Buck
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr US
N.Y.

Sept. 3d 8

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith my check No 6948 - for Twenty five thousand, seven hundred and seventy nine 09/100 - ($25,779.09) Standard Silver Dollars - drawn to your order in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint. @ $1.15½ per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Meſs. Handy & Cronise
Of Bank of New York
New York City

Sept 3 8

Jno. N. Spencer
Lonaconing Allegany Co. Md.
Dear Sir,

The three specimens of ore have been received.

No. 1 is quartz with Iron pyrites or the native Sulphide of iron; of no value.

No. 3, is Limestone and quartz; also containing iron pyrites. no value.

No. 2 is Fossiliferous formation, containing the red oxide of iron.

Superintendent

Septr. 2 8

J. N. Board
Ready W. Va.
Dear Sir

The sample of rock received from you consists of limestone with an inferior soapstone, of no value: it is free from Gold or Silver.

Superintendent

Mint of the United States at Philada

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Sept. 3. 1878

Balance per last Statement		$ 1.666.692.99
Received from Coiner		56.000.00
Total		$ 1.722.692.99
Disbursements		
Paid for Silver purchases Local	$ 93.	
[illegible] M.	25.779.09	
" " parted from Gold	$ 11	
Reserved for Assay	$ 28.	
Paid Treasurer U. S. Transfer Orders	$ 10.000.	
" " " Lett	2.000	
Exchanged for Gold Coin	$	$ 37.911.09
Balance on hand		1.684.781.90

Superintendent.

September 4th 8

C. A. Sandason Esq.
Moosup. Conn.

Dear sir.

Your favor of the 2d inst. is received. And in reply, would say, that neither of the coins named in your list are worth more than their face value, unless in an uncirculated Condition. — We hereunto annex the names of coin-dealers who might give you estimates in such condition.

Edward Cogan, 408 State street. Brooklin. N. Y.
J. Colvin Randel. 1905 Chestnut St. Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Sept 4 8

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 2d inst. has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase your Trade Dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully
Ja Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
E. B. Hale & Co
Cleveland
Ohio

Statement of Melter & Refiners Copper Alloy a/c

1878.

		oz. dec.	$ ¢
April 1st	To Balance	115,083.33	$1374.46
June 29	" Purchases	291,666.67	3250.00
		406,750.00	$4624.46
June 29	By Amt Used	80,637.50	916.79
" "	" Balance	326,112.50	3707.67
		406,750.00	$4624.46

Sept. 4th 8

Sir,

I hand you herewith statement of Melter & Refiners Copper Alloy a/c for Second Quarter 1878 –

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 4   8

Sir:

Your letter of August 30th was duly received.

The Mint is not coining Trade Dollars at present, and never has them for sale. We only make them by special authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, for depositors of silver bullion, who may need them for the China and East India trade.

You can buy them of Brokers.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. O. H. Gorton.
Tonawanda
N. Y.

Sept 4 8

Sir:

The employes of the New Orleans Mint, now on duty here, are uncomfortable because of the non receipt of their compensation for the month of August. Their board bills are due, and they are mostly without funds to liquidate them. Can you conveniently hasten the remittance of their promised draft.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington

Sept 4th 8

Gentlemen,

I forward to you this day care Bank of New York - my check No 6949 - for Seven thousand, eight hundred and forty 90/100 ($7840.90) Standard Silver Dollars - drawn to your order in payment for balance due you on ye Sale of Silver Bullion to Director of the Mint @ $1.15 1/2 per oz fine =

Very Respectfully

Jno Powell

Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman

24 Nassau St

New York

Sept. 4th 8

Sir;

I draw on you this day my check No 6949.-for $7,840.90, payable to order Messrs Handy & Crouse P.M.s in Standard Silver Dolls.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst. Treas U.S.

New York

Sept. 4th 8

Gentlemen:

I hand you herewith my check No 6949 – for Seven thousand eight hundred and forty 90/100 (7,840.90) Standard Silver Dolls. drawn to your order in payment for balance due you on ye Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.15½ per oz fine, to the amount of 250,000 fine ounces.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Cromise
care Bank of New York
New York City

Sept 4   8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D. No. 4698, for $864.82 in coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Sept 4   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst, has been received.

The Mint will receive and purchase Trade Dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Sup't

John J. Jones, Esq
Wheeling
W. Va

Mint of the United States at Phila (Pa)

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Sept 4, 1878

Balance per last Statement		$1.684.781.90
Received from Coiner		50.000.00
Total		$1.734.781.90
Disbursements		
Paid for Silver purchases (Local)	$ 493.	
By Mon New York	7.840.90 3	
" " parted from Gold	$	
Res. for Assay	$ 28.00	
Paid Treasurer U. S. Transfer Orders	$20.000.	
Exchanged for Gold Coin	$——	$ 28.361.90
Balance on hand		$1.706.420.00

Superintendent.

Sept. 5 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint coins silver for the Government only, and not for private depositors. I buy silver for this purpose in lots of not less than 100 nor more than 10,000 ounces, and pay for the same in standard silver dollars, by the ounce fine, after melting and assay, at the rate of one half cent per ounce below the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day the silver thus purchased, reaches the Mint.

Gold bullion is received and coined on the terms of the enclosed circular. Very Respectfully

John Tyler Esq.
Richmond. Va.

J. L. Pollock Supt.

Sept. 5 8

Treasurer U. S. Washington D. C.

Please return all specie kegs immediately

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Sept. 5 8

Superintendent Assay Office, New York

Return all specie kegs immediately

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Sept. 5 8

Assistant Treasurer U.S. Baltimore Md.

Return all specie kegs immediately

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Sept. 5 8

Assistant Treasurer U.S. Boston

Return all specie kegs immediately

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Sept. 5 8

Assistant Treasurer U.S. New York

Return all specie Keys immediately

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Sept. 5 8

Sir

I learn from our Melter and Refiner, as you will see by the enclosed notice from him which I submit for your information, that much of the coal supplied by you to his department, under your contract with me, is of a very inferior quality and not fit for its uses. In calling your attention to this complaint, I have to request that you will make good the deficiency, and furnish a good quality of coal hereafter.

Very, Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. Samuel W. Hess.
S. E. Cr 10th Berks Sts.
Philadelphia

Sept. 5 8

Sir

The following telegram Sent You this day is hereby made Official.

"Please return all Specie Kegs immediately"

I have also telegraphed to the Assistant Treasurers to return Such Kegs as they may have on hand, and inasmuch as the Supply of both Kegs and boxes is nearly exhausted, I would respectfully request that instructions may be given from your office to the Assistant Treasurers,

to make prompt returns
of all specie kegs and
boxes to this Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

James Gilfillan Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C

Sept. 5th 8.

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith my check No 6750 - for Sixteen thousand, seven hundred and six 35/100 ($16,706.35) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 111.80 for oz fine:— This is in payment for your Shipment of 3rd inst — that of the 2nd inst being still in the hands of the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co

New York.

Sept 5th 8

Gentlemen,

I forward to you this day Care The Bank of N.Y. my check No 6951 for Twenty six thousand, eight hundred & thirty two 69/100 ($26.832.69) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1485 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. Handy & Crenice
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

Sept 5th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith my check No 6951 — for Twenty six thousand, eight hundred & thirty two 69/100 ($26.832.69) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.14.85 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Mess. Handy & Harman
Care The Bank of N.Y.
New York City.

Sept 5th 8

Sir;

I draw on you this day my check No 6950 - for $16.706.35. favor Mess. J. & W. Seligman & Co also Check No. 6951 - for $26.832.69 favor Mess Handy & Hermise - both payable in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
N.Y.

Sept 5th 8

Silver Bullion from
Hawley & Cronise

New York

8/20 – 8/21 – 8/22 – 8

250.057.28

249.712.24

@ 115½ 288.417.64

To
Director of the Mint

Jas. Pollock

September 5th 8

Sir:

I have been instructed by the Director of the Mint to demand of the Adams Express Company the amount paid them for transportation of Silver coin in excess of the contract rate, viz: One cent a mile per M for five hundred miles, and for all over five hundred, one half-cent per mile.

I herewith hand you a detailed statement of the excess thus paid, as follows:

On subsidiary silver coin, from 17 April 1876 to 30 April 1878	$ 34,009.88
On Standard Silver Dollars, from 16 March 1878 to 30 April 1878	1,288.20
Total excess	$ 35,298.08

and have to request that your Company will refund the amount to me without delay.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

Geo. C. Thompson, Esq.,
Mint Superintendent of the
Adams Express Company,
Philadelphia.

Mint of the United States at Philada

MOVEMENT of Standard Silver Dollars for the Week ending

Sept. 5 1878

Balance per last Statement		$1.706.420.00
Rec'd from Coiner		60.000.00
Total		$1.766.420.00
Disbursements:		
Paid for Silver purchased Local	$ 749.00	
By Asst N.Y	43.539.04	
" parted from Gold	$ 88.	
Reserved for Assay	$ 30.00	
Paid or secured T. T. Transfer orders	$ 79.000.00	
Exchanged for Gold Coin		$123.406.04
Balance on hand		$1.643.013.96

Cashr for Superintendent

For further reports see Cashier's Letter Book

Sept 6 8

Sir

If possible please send me printed copies of the recent circular with regard to the distribution of Standard silver dollars by the Department free of charge for expressage. They will save voluminous correspondence.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D C

Sept 6 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 5th inst, has been received.

We have made shipments of silver coin to all parts of the country, but the empty kegs came back slowly or not at all. Telegrams were therefore sent out in all directions to hasten their return. It appears that you had none on hand, and of course, could not return any.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

F. Haven, Jr. Esq

Asst Treas. U. S.

Boston, Mass

Sept 6th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith my check No 6953 – for Thirty eight thousand five hundred and seventy five 87/100 — ($38.575.87) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment for balance due a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $114.85 per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully,

J. S. Heroy

Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept. 6th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith my check No 6952 for Twenty six thousand two hundred and five 54/100 ($26.205.54) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payment in full for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.14 6/10 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mess. Lazard Frères
New York

Sept. 6th 8

Sir:

I draw on you this day check No 6952 - for $26.205.54 favor Lazard Frères, N.Y. - also check No 6953 - for $38.575.84 favor Mess J & W. Seligman & Co N.Y. - both payable in Standard Silver Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
N.Y.

Sept 6th 8

Silver Bullion

from Lazard Frères

New York

9/2 —— 18

22.903.60

22.566.96.

@ .614⅞ 26.205.54

For Director of the Mint Jas P.

Sept 6th 8.

Silver Bullion

from J&W. Seligman & Co

New York

Aug 29th 8.

100.302.41

100.184.88

@ $11485 115.062.34

To Director of the Mint

Sept 6 8

Sir.

The enclosed circular will fully answer your enquiry of the 4th inst, with regard to the bullion value of Trade Dollars.

Subsidiary silver coins are not received as bullion by the Mint, except such pieces as have become mutilated or defaced.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

E. R. Kramer, Cas.
Allegheny
Pa

Sept 6 8

Sir

You will find your inquiries of the 2d inst, with regard to Mexican dollars, fully answered by the circular which I herewith enclose for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Jacob Kreigar Esq. Prest
Louisville.
Ky.

Sept 6 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. has been received.

The first half dollar of the coinage of the Mint at New Orleans, was struck in the year 1839, and the last in 1861.

The first half dollar of the coinage of the Mint at San Francisco, was struck in the year 1855, and of the Carson Mint in the year 1870.

Minor coins and proof coins are struck only at the Philadelphia Mint, and not elsewhere. No proof coins are ever struck with the mint marks "S" and "CC" on them.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Mr Chas. I. P. Goddard
Providence
R. I.

Sept 6th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith my check No 6954 — for Fourteen thousand, six hundred and Seventy nine 79/100 (14.679.79) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment, a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $114.85 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman
care The Bank of N.Y.
New York

Sept. 6th 8

Gentlemen,

I forward to you this day, on The Bank of New York, my check No 6954, for Fourteen thousand, six hundred and seventy nine 79/100 ($14,679.79) Stand. Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 112.86 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

Sept 6th 8

Sir;

I draw on you this day in addition to checks Nos 6952 + 6953 - check No 6954 for $14.679.79 - favor Mess. Handy & Cromise N.Y. & payable in Standard Silver Dolls.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst. Tr. U.S.

N.Y.

Sept 6 8

Gentlemen

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information requested in your letter of the 5th inst, with regard to sending Trade and Mexican dollars to the Mint for coinage.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Messrs.
R. Patrick & Co
Pittsburgh
Pa

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Your letter of the 4th inst, with its enclosure, has been received.

It is not in my power to comply with your request as made.

Dimes, and other subsidiary silver coins can only be procured from the Mint in the manner and on the terms prescribed in the enclosed Treasury circular, which I forward for your information and guidance.

Please inform me how I shall return the one hundred dollar greenback enclosed in your letter.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

G. L. Lewis. Esq
Mayville
N. Y.

Sept 7 8—

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending September 7. 1878.

Very Respectfully

R. L. Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Sept 7 8

Gentlemen,

The enclosed circular will give the information called for in your letter of the 5th inst, with regard to Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Fred G. Frank & Bro.
Chicago
Ill

Sept 7 8

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (I.W.W.) of the 2d inst, I herewith transmit C/D. No. 1725, for 22^{72} silver coin, on currency transfer account, being the bullion value of 27^{66} mutilated silver coins, specified in your letter. I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 862.

Very Respectfully,
H C Hiskock
Actg Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D C

Sept. 7 8

Sir

In Compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday, I enclose herewith a Statement of Coin and Medal dies prepared by the Engraver of this Mint, during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878.

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D. C

See Page 306

ee Corrected Statement Pages 340 & 341

Coinage and medal dies manufactured at the Mint U.S. Philadelphia, during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878

Coinage Dies

Description	Philada	San Francisco	Carson
For Gold Coinage			
Double Eagle	58	46	50
Eagle	2	12	10
Half Eagle	7	8	6
Three Dollar	1	2	
Quarter Eagle	6	8	
Dollar	59		
Total Gold	133	76	66
For Silver Coinage			
Standard Dollar	92	192	100
Trade do.	32	225	92
Half do.	92	85	56
Quarter do	87	28	56
Twenty Cent			
Dime	41	46	60
Total Silver	344	576	364
For Minor Coinage			
Five Cent	5		
Three Cent	4		
One Cent	45		
Total Minor	54		
Total Coinage Dies	531	652	430

Medal dies

Description	Pairs
To Commemorate "Valley Forge"	1
"Head of President"	1

Recapitulation

Gold Coinage Dies	275
Silver do do	1,284
Minor do do	54
"Valley Forge"	2
"Head of President"	2
Total	1,617

Correct Wm Barber
Engraver

See Corrected Statement Page 340 & 41 [illegible]

Sept. 7th 8

Sir;

Please draw your "Transfer Order" for Fifty thousand (50.000) Dollars to reimburse you for a like amount of Minor Coins withdrawn from your "Redemption Fund" and reissued.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickox

Acting Supt.

Hon Jas. Gilfillan
Treas U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Sept 7th 8

Gentlemen,

I forward you this day on Bank of N.Y. check No 6,956 – for Sixteen thousand, three hundred & twenty two 22/100 – ($16.322.22) Standard Silver Dolls, in full payment of your Shipment of 5th inst. also Check No 6,963 – for Thirty five thousand ($35.000) Standard Silver Dolls on a/c your Shipment of the 6th inst. both being drawn to your order for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $114.85 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman

24 Nassau St

N.Y.

Sept 7th 8

Sir;

I have forwarded this day to Messrs. Handy & Harmon N.Y. check No 6955 for $16322.22 and No 6956 for $35.00 both payable in Standard Silver Dolls & drawn to their order by the Supt of this Mint, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
N.Y.

Sept 7th 8

Gentlemen,

I send you herewith check No. 6955 - for Sixteen thousand, three hundred & twenty two 22/100 ($16322.22) Standard Silver Dolls and Check No. 6956 - for Thirty five thousand ($35.000 -) Standard Silver Dolls - both drawn to your order in payment for a/c Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.085 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. Handy & Harman
Care The Bank of N.Y.
New York City

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Sept 7th 8

Sir:

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.074.634.46 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Telegram Sept 9 78

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer United States.

Letter sixty eight, for ten thousand standard dollars to Drexel & Co, was paid Sept 6th, thirty hours before your telegram of Saturday to cancel it was received.

(Signed) H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Sept 9 8–

Gentlemen.

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information requested in your letter of the 7th inst, with regard to the gold value of the various dollars specified.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Bundy Brothers.
Elmira
N. Y.

Sept 9 8

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information requested in your letter of the 7th inst with regard to the value of Trade Dollars &c.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

H. A. Thompson, Esq
Girard
Pa

Sept 9   8

Sir:

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information called for in your letter of the 7th inst, with regard to exchange of Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr James Anderson, Cas
2d National Bank
Phila.

Sept 9 8

Sir:

The enclosed circular will furnish you with the information called for in your letter of the 7th inst. with regard to exchange of Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully,
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. W. W. Scott. Car.
Pittsburgh
Pa

September 9th 8

Hon. R. M. Reynolds
First Auditor Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your favor of 7th inst. (C. J. D) has been recd. Upon examination of the Abstract Sheets, Silver Purchases, page 24, first quarter 1878, the amt 35543.77 in the Std. Wt. column seems to be correct.

I herewith transmit copy of page 24 for your inspection.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Sept 9 "

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not receive deposits of silver bullion to be coined into standard silver dollars, but buys the bullion at one half cent per ounce fine below the equivalent of the price of silver in London on the day the bullion is received at the Mint, the seller paying freight both ways.

Very Respectfully,
H. S. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr.
J. W. Watkins, Esq
Dwight, Ill.

Sept 9 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst, has been received.

The coinage of silver 5¢ and 3¢ pieces was stopped on the 1st of April 1873, by Act of Congress, but the withdrawal of those in circulation has not been authorized.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Mr. G. A. Blocker P.M.
Nat. Mily Home
Ohio

Sept 9   8

Sir

I herewith transmit statements of the Melter & Refiners Bullion Operations, and Gold and Silver Melting for the month of August 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Sept 7th 8.

Sir:

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business yesterday at $8.970.693.09. Subdivided approximately as follows viz.

Gold Coin	$1.387.447.50
" Bullion	2.807.056.01
Silver Coin	1.910.224.46
" Bullion.	2.865.965.12
Total as above	$8.970.693.09

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept 9 8

Sir

I herewith transmit statement of the Coiners Gold and Silver workings for the month of August 1878.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Sept 9th 8

Sir:

I return enclosed herewith Silver Transfer Letter No 68 – issued favor Drexel & Co. Phila Pa. for Ten thousand (10.000) Standard Silver Dolls – cancelled as requested per your telegram of 7th inst.

The coin was delivered Drexel & Co on 6th inst (the date of receipt of the Transfer Letter) but has since been returned to the Mint by above mentioned firm

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon Jas. Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 10   8

Sir:

Enclosed please find the circular called for in your letter of the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiscock
Acting Supt

Wm P. Foster, Esq. Ca.
Burlington
Iowa

Sept 10 8

Sir.

In answer to your letter of the 9th inst, I enclose a circular relative to the value of the Trade dollar &c. for your information.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
per W.S.P.

Mr
J. K. Bittenbender
Bloomsburg
Pa

Sept 10th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check No 6957 - for Fifty seven thousand - (57.000 -) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment on a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1458 per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
per W. C. Pollock
Supts Clerk

Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Sept 10th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check 6958 – for Eight thousand, seven hundred and fifteen 73/100 (8,715.73) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1485 per oz fine.

This is in payment in full for your shipment of 6th inst.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock.
Supt.
per W. S. Pollock
Supt's Clerk

Messrs. Handy & Harman
care The Bank of N.A.
New York

Sept 10th 8

Gentlemen.

I forward to you this day one Bank of N.Y. – check No 6958 – for Eight thousand, seven hundred and fifteen 73/100 ($8,715.73) Standard Silver Doll's. drawn to your order in payment a/c Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1485 per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock,
Supt
per W C Pollock
Supts Clerk

Messrs Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St
N.Y.

Sept 10th 8

Sir;

I have forwarded this day to Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co. N.Y. check No 6957 drawn to their order by the Supt of this Mint. for $57.000 — Standard Silver Dolls. Also to Mess Handy & Harman. N.Y. check No 6958— drawn to their order by Supt of this Mint. for $8.715.73 — Standard Silver Dolls.— both being in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt.
for W C Pollock
Supt's Clerk.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Tr. U.S.
N.Y.

Sept 11 8

Sir.

The Mint will receive your Trade Dollars on the terms of the enclosed circular, and not otherwise.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr. A. Spitzmiller
Buffalo
N. Y.

Sept 11 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit for payment, the following approved receipted bills, in duplicate, for supplies delivered to our Assayer, for the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, under your requisition of August 4th, ultimo.

E. A. & A. L. Boulton	$9.50
John Linsenmen	19.50
Isabella Johnston	30.00.

The articles specified in the bills will be packed and delivered to Quarter Master Dana, for transportation, as soon as other supplies ordered under the requisition, have come to hand. In the meantime these three parties need their money.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Sept 11th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check No 6960 - for Fourteen thousand and twenty nine 26/100 (14029.26) Standard Silver Dolls drawn to your order in payment for balance due you, on a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ \$1.14$^{\underline{55}}$ per oz fine — Also check No 6961 for Thirty five thousand (35000.00) Standard Silver Dolls drawn to your order, in payment of Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ \$1.14$^{\underline{55}}$ per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman

Care Phe[illegible] Natl Bank

New York

Sept 11th 18

Gentlemen,

I have forwarded to you this day Check No 6960 – for Fourteen thousand and twenty seven 26/100 ($14027.26) Std Silver Dolls. drawn to your order in payment for balance due you a/c Sale Silver Bullion to the Director of the @ $1.1455 per oz fine. — Also check No 6961 for Thirty five thousand ($35.000) Std Silver Dolls drawn to your order, a/c Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1455 per oz fine

Very Respectfully

H C Hiester

Acting Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman

[illegible] Nassau St

New York

Sept 11th 8

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith check No 6959 - for Twelve thousand, three hundred and sixty four 85/100 ($12.364.85) Standard Silver Dolls - drawn to your order in full payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $11430 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt.

Messrs Lazard Frères

65 Pine St.

New York

Sept 11th 8.

Sir:

I forward this day to Mess. Lazard Frères N.Y. check No 6959 - for $12.364.85 - and to Mess. Handy & Cronise N.Y. checks Nos 6960 & 6961 - for $14.029.26 & $36.000.00 respectively

The same being drawn to order as above named by the Supt of this Mint, payable in Standard Silver Dolls. for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr U.S.
N.Y.

Error discovered See page 406 409

Sept 11th 8

Silver Bullion

from Handy & Crouse

New York

Aug 29th 8

100.784.26

100.635.34

$1.1485 115.579.69

To Director of the Mint

HC Hickok Actg Supt

See page 416, 6-

Sept 11th 8

Lazard Frères

New York

Sept 5th 8.

10.823.95-

10.817.89

$11430 - 12.364.85

H. C. Hickok
Actg.

Sept. 12th 8

Sir

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. returning for correction the "Statement of Coinage and Medal dies prepared during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878. I have the honor to enclose herewith a corrected statement as furnished by the Engraver of this Mint.

Very respectfully,
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Coinage and Medal dies prepared at the Mint [illegible]
during
the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878

Coinage Dies

Description	Philada	San Francisco	Carson
For Gold Coinage			
Double Eagle	58	46	50
Eagle	2	12	10
Half Eagle	7	8	6
Three Dollar	1	2	
Quarter Eagle	6	8	
Dollar	59		
Total Gold	133	76	66
For Silver Coinage			
Standard Dollar	92	192	100
Trade do	32	225	92
Half do	92	85	56
Quarter do	87	28	56
Dime	41	46	60
Total Silver	344	576	364
For Minor Coinage			
Five Cent	5		
Three do	4		
One do	45		
Total Minor	54		
Total Coinage dies	531	652	430
Experimental Dies, as follows	23		

2 Reverses (Stand. Dol.) too high to coin

2 Obverses (" ") letters too high,

are defective hubs and 2 dies

1 Obverse, 1 Reverse, from which working hubs were made

Barber Dollar Die	3 Ob.	3 Reverse
Gobrecht do do	1 "	2 "
Morgan do do	4 "	2 "

Ordinary Specimen Dies	18

2 Trade & 2 Stand. Dols

2 Quarter Dol & 2-20 c piece

2 Half & 2 Quarter Eagle

2-5 c. Nickel 2-1 c bronze

2 hubs for Double Eagle

	Philada	San Francisco	Carson	Medal
Total	572	652	430	9

Medal Dies

Description	No.
To commemorate Valley Forge"	2
Head of President	2
Obverse of Life saving Medal	2
Reverse of Annual Assay	1
Reproduction of one pair of dies "Macdonough's Victory on Lake Champlain"	2

Recapitulation

Gold Coinage Dies	275
Silver do do	1,284
Minor do do	54
Experimental do	23
Specimen do	18
Medal do	9
Total	1,663

Correct Wm Barber
Engraver

Correct
H. C. Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Sept 12 8

Sir:

Enclosed I send you two gold dollars (proof) of this years coinage, as requested in your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing two gold dollars for that purpose.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Directr Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 12   8

Sir:

The 5¢ nickel coin, enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst. and herewith returned, proves, upon careful examination, to be a genuine piece that has been damaged by fire.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

F. Haven Jr. Esq
Asst Treas U. S.
Boston
Mass

Sept 12 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

Our Melter & Refiner has only just completed his trials of the crucibles of various brands, and hopes shortly to report on their respective merits, according to our mode of using them, and as applied to bullion.

Very Respectfully,
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
J. H. Gautier & Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

Sept 12 8

Gentlemen.

The invoice of silver bars received from you this morning is defective and objectionable, in that it does not state the number stamped on each bar, without which we are embarrassed in hunting out and identifying the bars, and hindered and delayed in making returns. Every invoice should legibly state the number, weight and fineness stamped on each bar, and we must insist that this be done in every instance hereafter. In case this is not done, any delay in making returns must be upon your responsibility, not ours.

Cans of the same character, from different shippers, and constantly arriving at the same time, mixed together, and we must have means of promptly identifying and separating them.

We yesterday afternoon received twenty two tons at one delivery.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Sept 12 8—

Sir:

The delivery to your Bank of $3,000. silver mentioned in your letter of the 11th inst, was a mistake of the Adams Express Co. which they will immediately proceed to correct.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

E. Scofield, Esq
Cashr 1st Natl Bank
New York.

Sept 12th 8.

Sir;

I have forwarded this day to Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co. N.Y. checks Nos 6962 and 6963 - for $13.436.94 and $38.000.00 respectively. drawn to their order by the Supt of this Mint & payable in Standard Silver Dollars. for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg. Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Tr. U.S.
New York

Sept 12th 8

Gentlemen,

I hand you herewith check No 6962 - for Thirteen thousand, four hundred and thirty six 94/100 (13.436.94) Std Silver Dolls. drawn to your order in payment for balance of your shipment of 9th inst - also check No 6963 - for Thirty eight thousand ($38.000-) Std Silver Dolls drawn to your order on a/c shipment of 11th inst.-

Very Respectfully
H C Hiscock
Actg Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
Bankers
New York.

Sept 13 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (J.W.H.) of the 6th inst, I herewith transmit C. D. No. 1732 for $8.56 silver, on your currency transfer account, being the bullion value of the mutilated silver coin specified in your letter.

Mint Memorandum No. 372 is also enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Yr
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington D.C.

Form 26.

Phila Sept 13th , 1878

Sir

I have received your statement of my disbursing account dated Aug 31st 1878 , and find the balance therein reported to be correct.

I have also examined the numbers, dates, and amounts of the debit and credit entries therein reported, and the same agree with my records.

Very respectfully,

H C Hickok
Actg Supt
Mint U.S. Phila Pa.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York, N. Y.

Sept 13 80

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst, in reference to the pay roll of the ladies in the Coining Room, for August has been received.

The overtime of S. J. Hamrick was 1 day and 6 hours, and the omission of 1 days pay in the calculation was an error of the roll clerk, which will be corrected on the roll for September inst, as you suggest.

Very Respectfully
H C Hicock
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington

Sept 13

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst. was received by the last mail yesterday afternoon.

The London price of silver yesterday was 51 1/4 d. at which rate the bullion value of a Trade Dollar at the Mint would be 89.8 cents.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Mr.
W. W. Scott Esq.
Pittsburgh
Pa

Sept 13 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst, was received this morning.

It is the custom here, and a very good one, to pay the officers, clerks and employees of the Mint twice a month, say the middle of the month, and at the end. Each one is paid about the 15th of the month all they have earned up to that time, and a receipt is taken for the amount by the Cashier, which at the end of the month is turned over to the party signing it, as so much money. A provisional pay roll is a bad signed at the same time, which is retained as a check in settling the regular pay roll.

A copy of each of these two blanks is herewith enclosed with some penciled remarks by your Book Keeper, Mr. Parker, to whom they were explained.

Our regular supply of these blanks is furnished by the Division of Printing and Stationery of the Treasury Department, upon the Superintendents semi-annual requisition for stationery and other articles.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Michael Hahn.
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sept. 13th 8

Statement of Silver Bullion
from J. B. Colgate & Co
New York

11th inst 8

50.532.45
56.[illegible].87
113 3/8 57.191.14

Director of the Mint

H C Hickok
Actg

Sept. 3d 8

Gentlemen,

I enclose you this day, our The Bank of N.Y. check No 6965 – for Forty seven thousand, nine hundred and twenty five 91/100 ($47.925.91) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order on a/c Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1458 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt

Messrs Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St
City

Sept. 5th 8

Gentlemen.

I send you herewith check No 6965 for Forty seven thousand, nine hundred and twenty five 91/100 ($47,925.91) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order in full payment of your shipments of 9th, 10th & 11th Sept. & in pt. your shipment of 12th inst. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.0458 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Actg Supt.

Messrs Handy & Harman
Care The Bank of N.Y.
New York

Sept 13th 8

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith check No 6964 for Fifty seven thousand, one hundred and ninety four 14/100 ($57.194.14) Standard Silver Dollars drawn to your order in payment in full for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 113 3/8 cents per oz fine -

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt.

Messrs J. B. Colgate & Co
44 Wall St.
New York

Sept 15th 8.

Sir:

I have forwarded this day to Mess. J B Colgate & Co. N.Y. check No 6964 for $57.194.14 also to Mess Handy Harman N.Y. check No 6965 for $47.925.91 - both payable in Stand Silver Dolls & drawn to order as above, by the Supt of this Mint in payment for Silver Bullion said the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Actg Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse

Asst Tr. U.S.

N.Y.

Sept. 14 8

Sir

Your check of the 13th inst. for $1000. Enclosed in your letter of that date for Standard Silver dollars, is herewith returned, it not being in accordance with the Treasury Circular, which I herewith Enclose for your information and guidance, but which I see by the papers this morning has been countermanded for the present.

Very respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

R. F. Potter Esq.
Cashier, 1st Natl. Bank.
Minersville. Pa.

Septr. 14th 8

Silver Purchase

from J & W. Seligman

& Co. New York

4th inst. 8

102,881.18

102.769.18

$1.1458 117.752.92

Director of the Mint H C Hickok
Actg.

Sept 14th 8

Sir;

I have forwarded this day to Mess. J & W. Seligman & Co. N.Y. Check No 6966 for $9,315.98 - Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to their order by the Supt of this Mint in payt for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Actg Supt.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas U.S.
New York

Sept 14th 8

Gentlemen.

I hand you herewith check No 6966 - for Nine thousand, three hundred and fifteen. 98/100 ($9.315.98) Standard Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment for balance due you on a/c shipment of 11th inst & in full for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1458 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt.

Messrs J. & W. Seligman & Co
New York.

Sept 14th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.841.572.91 — Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Sept. 14 8

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 11th inst. was duly received.

All purchases of silver bullion are subject to a melting charge of 50 cents, except fine silver, U. S. Coin, foreign coin of U. S. standard fineness, or above. Yours being foreign coin below the standard, was subject to the charge, and there was an additional charge of one half cent per ounce for refining, to bring it up to standard – 900 fine.

Very respectfully,

H. C. Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Messrs L. Hoster, Sons & Co.

Columbus

Ohio.

Sept 14th 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit statement of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending September 14. 1878.

Some of the silver purchased in New York, proved refractory and hindered our operations.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept. 16 8

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst, asking "how many grains of silver bullion a gold dollar will purchase", I have to state that the present price of silver is $1.1352 per ounce fine. At this rate a gold dollar would purchase 422 83/100 grains of pure silver. The mint purchases silver bullion and pays for it in standard silver dollars, and not in gold coin as was the use in purchasing silver for the fractional silver coins.

R. B. Haseltine Esq.
Grand Junction
Green Co.
Iowa.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Sept 16   8

Sir:

Your sight draft on New-York for $1000 enclosed in your letter of the 12th inst, for a like amount of dimes, is herewith returned, it not being in accordance with the Treasury circular which I herewith transmit for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

J. H. Millard, Esq. Cas'r
Omaha
Neb

Sept 16 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received,

The enclosed circular will furnish much of the information you call for.

I am not now buying coins for the Mint Cabinet. We do not need the old coins you specify, and if we did, would not exchange proof coins for them. The sale of proof coins; and the purchase of coins for the Cabinet, or of silver coins to be melted down for coinage, are three separate and distinct items of Mint business, which cannot be interchanged.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dir.

Mr. A. S. Robinson

Hartford Ct.

Sept 16 8

Sir:

Shall I forward vouchers for the September compensation of the employes of the Mint at New Orleans now on duty here, as I did for August? Please advise me.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 16 8

Sir:

The ore enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst., proves, upon examination to be silicious rock, with a little mica of no value.

Very Respt.,

Jas [illegible]

Mr.
Lafayette Stalnaker
Newtonville
W. Va

Sept. 16th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6967 in your favor for Thirty One Thousand two hundred and eighty nine 81/100 (31,289.81/100) Dollars, Std Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt

J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St.
New York

Sept. 16th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6968 in your favor, for Twelve Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six $\frac{04}{100}$ (12.166.^{04}) Dollars, Standard Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. Lazard Frères
65 Pine St.
New York

Sept 16th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks No. 6967 favor J. B. Colgate & Co. for $\$31,289^{35}$ and No. 6968 favor Lazard Freres for $\$12,166^{24}$, also for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas U.S.
New York

Jas Pollock

Sept 16th 8

Silver Purchase

from Lazard Frères

New York

11th inst 8

10.746.95
10.730.80
113 3/8 12.166.04

To Director of the Mint

Jas Pollock

Sept 8

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 4709 for Ninety Eight and 45/100 Dollars deposited with the Asst' Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on a/c of Sale of Old Material Sold -
Also a Statement of the Material Sold -
Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

Sept 16 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of August 1878.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of August 1878.

Also, Bars manufactured.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Sept 16 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D. No 4,710, of this date, in my name, for $46 59/100, on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for manufacture of Standard Silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 16th 8

Sir;

I report the Bullion Fund, at the close of business on the 14th inst. at $9.589.349.39 — Subdivided approximately as follows viz:

Gold Coin	$1.377.908.50
" Bullion	2.816.597.01
Silver Coin	1.786.178.13
" Bullion	3.608.665.75
Total as above	9.589.349.39

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 16 8—

Sir

Bronze and cent coins are very scarce here now, and the demand for them is increasing. We have less than five for reissue, and not a dollar in stock for public use. I would therefore recommend that application be made to the Secretary of the Treasury to direct transfers to this Mint of any bronze one cent pieces that may be in store in any of the sub-treasuries.

Transfers to the amount of ten to fifteen thousand dollars would not more than carry us to the end of the year.

If the Treasury has not coins on hand to that amount, it would be advisable, in my judgment, to authorize the coinage, at such intervals as we may find convenient, of one cent pieces, to an amount not exceeding $10,000 and I hope the authority may be granted.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 17 8

Sir.

If they can be spared, I very much desire that you would furnish me four additional copies for the use of this Mint, of the pamphlet edition recently issued by the Treasury Department of "Laws of the United States, relating to Loans and Currency including the Coinage Acts". They would be very convenient and valuable for reference in the Departments, as well as in my Office. Let me have them if possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Sept 17 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst, has been received.

The bullion value of the Trade Dollar you will learn from the enclosed circular. The price of silver in London yesterday was 51 7/8 d.

Silver coins are made for the U. S. Government, only, and not for private depositors.

Gold coins are made on the terms of the enclosed gold circular for any body who chooses to furnish the bullion.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr J. K. Seyler.
Luthersburg, Pa.

Sept 17   8

Sir:

There was an inadvertent omission in my letter to you of the 13th inst., with regard to the bullion value of a Trade Dollar on the day your letter of the 11th inst. was received, which I desire to correct. 89.3 was the value at the equivalent of the London quotation for silver bullion; but we buy at ½ a cent per ounce fine below that equivalent, and deducting four mills on that account would make the net bullion value of the Trade Dollar on the 12th inst. 88.9 cents.

W. W. Scott, Esq. Cas
Pittsburg
Pa

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Sept 17 8

Sir

The specimen of ore enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst. proves, upon examination, to be iron pyrites, much resembling gold, but of little or no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Supt

Mr.
Oliver D. Shook
Hamburg
Pa

L.R.C.

Sept. 17 8

Sir

I enclose herewith Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended June 30. 1878, and Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1878.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

The accounts enclosed show an excess of Earnings over Expenditures for the last fiscal year of $503,761.70

Sept. 17th 18

Silver Purchase
from J. B. Colgate
& Co. New York
14th inst 8

$ 50.658.90
50,559.03
11352 $7.394.61

To Director of
the Mint

Jas. Pollock

Septr. 17th 88

Gentlemen:

I enclose Ck. No. 6969 to your order for Twenty Nine thousand four hundred and fifteen 72/100 (29.415.72) Std. Silver Dollars, in payment of balance due of Shipment of the 12th inst, and in full for Shipment of 14th inst.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Crawford,
Supt.

Messrs. Hardy & Crouse
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Sept. 17th 8

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. 6970 to your Order for Twenty Six Thousand One hundred and four 80/100 (26.104 80/100) (L) Dolls, Std Silver Dolls, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint at $1.1352 per Oz. Fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co

47 Wall St.

New York

Sept. 17th 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6969 for $29.415.72, favor Handy & Harman, and Check No. 6970 for $26.104.20, favor J. B. Colgate & Co., all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

Septr. 17th 8

Gentlemen:

I forward this day to the Bank of New York, Check No 6969 to your order, for $29,415.72/100, Std. Silver Dollars, for a/c Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Messrs. Handy & Harmon

No. 24 Nassau St.

New York

Sept 17th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c Refinery Expenses for the Month of August 1878. also my a/c Standard Dollar Expenses (Supplemental) for the Month of June 1878

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 18 8

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 17th inst, I herewith transmit vouchers in duplicate of the following employes of the Mint at New Orleans, now on duty here, for their compensation for the current month September, as furnished by them.

G. K. Jones.	Deposit Melter.	$100.
N. Dawson.	Weigher.	100.
E. R. Levy.	Calculator.	75.
Leo. Calin.		75.

Mr. R. B. Harrison, assistant assayer informs me that he will furnish his voucher in a few days. I believe he is waiting to hear from New Orleans.

Mr. J. C. Schultze. Deposit Clerk, says he will wait and draw his pay at New Orleans. Mr. A. Parker, Book Keeper, the same.

Very Respectfully
Jno [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 18 8

Sir.

The specimen of ore inclosed in your letter of August 31st, last, has been assayed, and proves to be composed chiefly of carbon and silex, but contains no gold nor silver.

The $5. inclosed to pay Mint charges, has been received.

Very Respectfully

Supt

J. G. Roop. M. D.
Ashland
Ohio

Sept. 18th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6971 to your order for Twenty five Thousand nine hundred & four $\frac{35}{}$ (25,904.$\frac{35}{}$) Dollars, (Std Silver Dollars) in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 11352^{ct}. per oz fine

Very Respectfully

Jas. M. Loch

Supt.

Mess. J & W Seligman & Co.

New York

Sept. 18th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6971 to the order of J & W. Seligman & Co, for $25,904.35 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept. 19 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith remit $35.58, the money value of the two gold pieces specified in your letter.

California coin,	$20.00	gold
Peruvian Coin	15.50	"
Gold value	35.50	
Premium on the gold	.08	
Total currency	$35.58	

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq.
Washington D.C.

Sept. 19 8

Sir

In accordance with a conversation had with you some time since, I hereby nominate Martin V. Davis, now a Special Employé under your instructions, to the position of "General Assistant", at a compensation of $6.50 per diem. to take effect from Sept. 1st. Asking your approval of the same.

I am very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept. 19 8

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 16th inst. conveying instructions, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, to reduce the working force of the Mint at the close of the present month, so as to keep within the appropriation for wages of workmen, and prevent a deficiency which the law does not contemplate, and the Secretary is not willing to incur.

I regard the necessity for this action at this time as a misfortune, but will take steps to have your instructions carried out at the time designated.

Very respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Sept 19th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses for the Month of August 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Read

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sept. 19th 8.

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6973 to your order for Thirty Thousand (30.000) Dollars, Std Silver Dollars for ye. Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 11407 per oz. fine

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Currie
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Sept. 19th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos. 6972 and 6973 favor of Harvey & Crouse, for Twenty five 50/100 (25.50) Dollars, and Thirty Thousand (30.000) Dollars, respectively, in payment for Silver Bullion purchases.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept 19th 8

Gentlemen

In the selection of your Shipment of Silver Bars of the 6th inst for assay from other arrivals on that day, and in order that prompt returns should be made you, the finenesses of another lot were inadvertently placed to the credit of your Shipment, and returns made you therefor below the Sum due you. I now advise you of this error, just discovered by the Weigh Clerk, and enclose you a corrected Statement of that Shipment, together with Check No. 6972 to your order for Twenty five ^{00} (25^{00}) Dollars Standard Silver Dollars, which sum covers and adjusts your a/c, @ $\$1.14^{85}$ per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Cromise
Care of
Bank of New York
New York

Sept. 19th 8

Gentlemen

I forward this day to the Bank of New York, to your order, Drafts No. 6772 and 6773 for 25th and Seven Hundred Dollars (2 [illegible]) respectively on the Bank of [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]

Supt.

Messrs. Hanks & [illegible]
New York

~~Corrected Statement~~

Corrected Statement
see page 337

Sept 1908.

Silver Purchase
from Handy & Harman
New York
Aug 29 1908.

[illegible]0,784.26

[illegible]0,657.12

[illegible] [illegible] 604.70

To Director of the Mint

Sept. 20th 8

Gentlemen:

Referring to your shipment of Silver Bullion of the 6th inst, (through Messrs. Balbach & Son Newark, N. J.) of Oz 10.823.^{30} @ 999 fine, I have to enclose you a corrected Statement of our Assay of said Silver, and to inform you that the Statement and returns made you thereon were incorrect. There was a number of deposits &c on that day, and the men in the Weigh Room confused the bars received from you with another invoice, getting the finenesses to the wrong a/c. The error was discovered yesterday when closing up the a/c of another party. From these facts it is found that we returned you on the 11th inst, for 12,019.88 Std. Ozs, equal to 10,817.89 fine Ozs. @ $1.1430 per Oz, $12.364.85. You should have received returns for 12.009.02 Std. Ozs. equal to 10.808.12 fine Ozs. @ $1.1430 per Oz, $12.353.68 or $11.17 in excess of the sum due you.

I much regret the necessity of troubling you for the above $11.17 and will thank you to remit the same in Currency as soon as possible.

Messrs Lazard Freres
New York

Very Respectfully
Supt.

Sept. 20th 8

Messrs Colgate & Co.

Gentlemen

Referring to yours of the 17th inst. we are no less surprised than you are, that some of the Platt bars, usually full up to the stamps, fall remarkably below.

We cannot undertake to return samples of all such; they are assayed in good faith and proved by repetition; and the bargain is to pay by our assays. Nevertheless, that you may be convinced of error in the primary estimation, we send you two

Slips marked 11, from bar No. 2208, stamped 999, but found here to be 996. Please have them assayed, and inform us of the result.

We also enclose a slip marked 1, from Bar No. 550, which is part of a lot since received of Platt bars sent by Handy & Harman.

This and others in that lot, are still more deficient: being by our assay 991, instead of 998 as stamped.

We would be very glad to have the attention of Messrs Platt called to both these invoices, probably an oversight from hurry in work. Our repeats show a want of thorough mixing in the original bars in some cases. Some of these bars were filled in at the top by a subsequent pouring. Assays of these fillings were found a little below the stamp. Only a few ounces were thus put in, but we strongly object to this unusual operation, which gives the bars a suspicious appearance. They give us much trouble.

Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Sept 20 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst, was duly received.

The Government contract with the Adams Express Co for the transportation of Minor coins, does not extend beyond Omaha Neb. For a refund of the $0.70 paid by you beyond that point, you should apply to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr. J. A. Barlow, Ast. Cas.
El Paso Co. Bank,
Colorado Springs, Col.

See pp 338, 410 -

Septr 11th 8

Corrected Statement of

Silver Bullion from Lazard Frères

New York

5th inst. 8

	10.823.95
	10.808.12
11430	12.353.68

Confusion of Invoices or Bars in Cutting slips for Assay.

Jas. C. Booth

To Director of the Mint

Sept. 20th 8

Silver Purchase
from Handy & Harman
New York
11th inst 8

101.185.^{61}
100.982.^{52}
114^{85} 115.705.^{72}

To
Director of the Mint

Jas Pollock

Sept. 20th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6974 to your order Thirty three hundred and sixty four 14/100 (3364^{14}) Dollars, Standard Silver Dollars in full payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 114^{58} per Oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Messrs. Handy Hom Co.
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Sept. 20th 8

Gentlemen.

I forward this day to the Bank of New York to your order, Check No. 6974 for \$3364.^{14} Standard Silver Dollars, in full payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ \$1.14^{58} per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Harman

24 Nassau St.

New York

Sept. 20th 18

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6974 favor Handy & Harman for $3364 14/100 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept 21   8

Sir:

The sight draft on New-York for $2,500 enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst, for a like amount in subsidiary silver coin, is herewith returned, it not being in accordance with the enclosed Treasury circular which I forward for your information and guidance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Dir.

Mr
J. S. Shearer, Esq.
Fort Plain
N. Y.

Sept. 20th 8

Gentlemen.

I forward to day to the Bank of New York, to your Order, Check No. 6975 for $28.763.01, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.142 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Mess. Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York

Sept. 21st 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6976 to your order for Forty one thousand one hundred and ninety six ^{07} (41.196.^{07}) Dollars Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $\$1.13^{52}$ per Oz. fine

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept. 21st 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6975 to your order for Twenty eight thousand seven hundred and sixty three ^{81} (28,763.^{81}) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $\$1.14^{07}$ per Oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Cronise
Care of Bank of
New York

Septr 20th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos, 6975 & 6976 for $28.763.81 & $40.176.07 respectively, the former in favor of Handy & Harman, the latter in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co. all in payment for Silver Sold the Director of the Mint.

@

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas, U.S.
New York

Sept 21st 8

Sir;

I report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day at 3.868.407.17 Stand. Ounces

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sepr. 21st 8

Gentlemen.

We have a quantity of your Kegs on hand, say 12 or 15, shall we return them at your expense per Express.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Lynch

Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co

New York.

Sept 21 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending September 21, 1878.

Very Respectfully,
Ja. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 21. 8

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst, has been received.

You will learn the bullion value of Mexican dollars at the Mint from the enclosed circular.

Half dollars coined before 1853, as all other silver, were worth more as bullion, at the time the circular you refer to was printed, than now. But we do not receive U. S. coins as bullion, except such as have been mutilated or defaced.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup't

Mr. D. H. Anthony
New-York

Septr. 23d 8

Gentlemen.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st covering Check for $11.7, the sum overpaid you in settlement of the purchase of the 6th inst.

Had I been aware of the sale as notified this a.m. I need not to have troubled you for this remittance, as I could more readily have adjusted by deducting the overpayment from the next Check. Should your bullion arrive in a day or two, I will pursue this course, and return you your check received this day.

Please accept my thanks for your attention,

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Lazard Freres
New York

Sept 28 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst, was received to day.

The report of assay of June 18th, 1878, enclosed in your letter, and herewith returned, is a genuine document, and was signed and mailed by me.

Upon submitting it to our Assayer again, he prepared and explanatory statement, which I herewith enclose for your further information.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. B Marer.
Globe District
Pinal Co. Arazona.

Sept 23d 8

Sir:

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 21st inst at $9.256.354.95 subdivided approximately as follows viz

Gold Coin	$1.414.160.55
" Bullion	2.780.344.96.
Silver Coin	1.398.118.84
" Bullion	3.663.730.60
Total as above	$9.256.354.95

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Sept 24 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 23d inst, I herewith transmit voucher in duplicate of Mrs. Leo Cahn, for services as an Adjuster of the Mint at New Orleans, for the month of September, inst, at $1.75 per diem $43.75.

Mrs. Cahn informs me that you promised her $3. a day after the first month, and that she made out her bill for September accordingly.

I have never known what compensation had been fixed for the employés of the New Orleans Mint on duty here, except as stated by themselves; and I have forwarded their vouchers to your Office, as presented to me, as a merely ministerial act on my part, I having no other official jurisdiction or authority in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 24th 8

Sir

I return herewith my Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ended June 30th 1878, with the Coinage Charges on Trade Dollars, (inadvertently omitted) inserted.

Also the approximate gains on Subsidiary Coin and Standard Dollars divided as requested. Please excuse the oversight.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 24 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter (D.r.M.) of the 17th inst, I herewith transmit C/D #1744, for $\$7^{31}$ silver coin, on Currency Transfer account, being the bullion value of $8.08 in mutilated silver coins, specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas [illegible]

Supt

Jas Gilfillan

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D.C.

Sept. 24 8

Sir

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of yesterday relative to the quantity and quality of coal consumed at this Mint since the 1st of July 1878, I have the honor to state that a full report on the subject will be submitted to you shortly after the close of the present month.

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the M.
Washington D.C.

Septr. 24th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6997 to your order for fifty thousand and six hundred and thirty four 62/100 (50.634 62/100) Standard Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.13 52/100 per oz fine

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mess J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Sept. 24th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6778 to your order for Fifteen thousand three Hundred & Nine ^{12} (15,309.^{12}) Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $\$1.14^{02}$ per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Harman
Care of Bank of New York
New York

Sepr 24th 8

Sir.

I drew this day Checks No.s 6977 & 6978 for $50.634.63 & $15,309.12 respectively, the former to the order of J&W. Seligman & Co, and the latter to the order Handy & Cronise, all for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Reed
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sep. 24th 8

Gentlemen.

I forward to day to your order in care of Bank of New York, Check No. 6978 for \$15,309.^{12} in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from you.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St
New York

Sept 25. 1878.

The following report of the assay of test coins, by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, issued at this Mint during September 1878, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter and Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight. grs Dec	Fineness. Gold.	Fineness. Silver
Double Eagle	515.95	900.	7
Stand. Dollar	413.5	½	900.2
" "	413.75	"	900.3
" "	412.9	"	899.8
" "	412.8	"	901.1
" "	412.45	"	900.

James Pollock
Supt
per [illegible]

Sept 25 1898

Sir.

Congress, at its late session, directed that in no event shall the expenditures of the Mint exceed the amount of the specific appropriations made for the same. The appropriation for wages of workmen and adjusters, is much below the amount required to maintain our present working force, and I have therefore been instructed and required by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, by letter dated September 16th, to reduce our force accordingly. I regret this, but it is imperative.

You are therefore instructed to notify the parties you have reported to me for discharge, as those we can best spare at this time, that for the reasons stated, their services will not be required after the 30th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.
Coiner

Sept 25 8

Sir,

The enclosed circular of July 25, 1878, from the Director of the Mint, will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 23d inst. with regard to the value of Mexican dollars.

U. S. gold coins and the new silver dollar are a full legal tender. Halves, quarters and dimes are a legal tender to an amount not exceeding five dollars in one payment. Nickel and Bronze coins are a legal tender to an amount not exceeding twenty five cents in one payment.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. H. A. Hunt Esq.
Providence
R. I.

Septr. 25th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6980. to your order for twenty one thousand Eight hundred & fourteen .76 (21.814.^{76}) Std. Silver Dolls. in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ \$1^{13} per Oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Sept. 25th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose herewith Check No. 6979 to your order, for Fourteen thousand six hundred & fifty three 07/100 (14,653.07/100) Dollars, Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint @ $\$1^{13}$ per Oz. Fine.

The net result of this purchase is 12,977.20/100 fine Ounces, @ $\$1^{13}$ equals $14,664.24

from which I deduct 11.17

the amt. overpaid on Septr. 11th, leaving $14,653.07

to correct your a/c. Also please find your Check No. 1099 for $\$11^{17}$ returned, as was stated in my letter of yesterday.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs Lazard Frères

65 Pine St.

New York

Sept. 25th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos. 6979 and 6980 for $14.653 07 and $21.814 70 respectively, the former to the order of Lazard Freres, and the latter to the order of J. B. Colgate & Co. all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept 25 8

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 24th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not receive and purchase silver 10¢ and 5¢ pieces except such as have been mutilated or defaced, and then only in sums of not less than $100. After melting and assay, we pay in standard silver dollars at half a cent below the equivalent of the London price of silver on the day the coins reach the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs P. & A. Small

York. Pa

Sept. 25 — 8

Gentlemen

The One Dollar in currency enclosed in your letter of the 24th inst. is herewith returned. It is not in the power of the Mint to furnish you a Silver Dollar of the issue of 1853. We furnish proof sets of the current year, but no coins of former years. Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Messrs. Austin & Tinsley
Boston
Mass.

Sept. 25th 8

Gentlemen

On the 11th inst. I forwarded to you Checks Nos. 6960 & 6961 for $14,029.26 & $35,000— respectively, in payment for Silver Bullion. As I have not up to this time received the receipts for these payments, I presume they have been overlooked. Will you be so kind as to look them up, and forward to me by return Mail.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York

Silver Purchase

18 Sept. 24th

J. & W. Seligman

& Co. New York

14th ult.

103.847.26

103.713.03

@ $1.1352 117.735.04

Jas. Pollock

To

Director of the Mint

Silver Purchase

Sept. 25th 8

Lazard Freres

New York

21st inst 8

12,999.50

12,977.20

113 14,664.24

To

Director of the Mint

Sept 6 8

Sir:

You will please prepare, and forward to the Mint at San Francisco, without delay, ten (10) obverse double Eagle dies, as per the Directors order of the 25th inst

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Dir

Wm Barber Esq

Engraver.

Sept 26 8

Sir:

Congreſs, at its late session, directed that in no event shall the expenditures of the Mint exceed the amount of the specified appropriations made for the same. The appropriation for wages of workmen and adjusters, is much below the amount required to maintain our present working force, and I have therefore been instructed and required, by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, by letter dated September 16th, to reduce our force accordingly. I regret this, but the necessity the necessity is imperative.

You are therefore instructed to notify the parties you have reported to me for discharge, as these we can best spare at this time, that for the reasons stated, their services will not be required after the 30th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Sup't

Prof. Jno. C. Booth
Melter & Refiner

P.S.

The enclosed list contains the names of the parties recommended for discharge.

David Cornell, Melter
Aaron Mattis, Helper
J. R. Layton, "
H. Nickels, "

Wm Peak, Refiner
B. Cooper, Helper
Edmund Green, do

Sept 26   8

Sir.

Silver coins are made for the U.S. Government only, and not for private depositors. The Mint will purchase the Mexican dollars and Five franc pieces specified in your letter of the 24th inst, on the terms of the Directors circular of July 25, which I enclose for your information and guidance, and after melting and assay, pay for them in standard silver dollars, only, as stated in the circular. If this is satisfactory, you will so advise me.

Halves, quarters and dimes can only be procured from the Mint in the manner prescribed in Treasury Circular dated March 28, 1877, herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
A. G. Brenizer, Cas.
Charlotte
N.C.

Sept. 26 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th inst, has been received.

The Mint does not deal in nickel ore, or nickel mines. You can probably get the information you call for, by writing to Mr. Joseph Wharton, who owns the American Nickel Works, in Camden, New Jersey.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. Richard J. Seeley.
Garnerville
N.Y.

Sept 26 8—

Sir

By request of Mr R. B. Harrison, Asst Assayer of the Mint at New Orleans, I herewith forward his voucher, in duplicate, for services during the month of September, inst, $100.

He states that he has leave of absence for two weeks from the 4th of October, proximo, and would like to get his money before that time, if possible.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sept 26 8

Sir

The missing document relative to the Austrian florin, mentioned in your letter of the 25th inst, was not among the papers relative to the assay of Japanese coins received from you a few days ago, nor do I, after search, find any trace of it elsewhere.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 26. 8

Sir:

Upon the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herewith enclosed and for the reasons therein stated, I have reduced the compensation of Geo. S. Wiegand, Refiner, from $3.50 to $2, per diem.

This reduction to take effect October 1. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Rust

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

Sept 26th

Sir

The half dollar enclosed in your letter of the 25th Inst and herewith returned, is a genuine coin, but 14 grains light from abrasion.

It is worth 46½ cents.

Yours respectfully
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Mr David Stevenson
New York

Sept 28

Sir

Congress at its late Session directed that in no Event shall the expenditures of the Mint exceed the amount of the Specific appropriations made for the Same.

The appropriation for "Wages of Workmen and adjusters" is much below the amount required to maintain the present working force of the Mint, and the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury had required the Superintendent of the Mint to reduce the force accordingly.

You are therefore notified ~~that~~ for the reasons above stated your services will be no longer required after the 30th inst. Regretting the necessity that compels this course, I am,

Geo. K. Thomas Esq.
Laborer

Very respectfully

Sept. 28   8

Sir

Congress at its late session directed that in no event shall the expenditures of the Mint exceed the amount of the specific appropriations made for the same.

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You are therefore notified ~~that~~ your services for the reasons above stated will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Regretting the necessity ~~that~~ compels this course,

I am very respectfully

Chas. E. Montgomery Esq.
Laborer

Superintendent

Sept. 28. 8

Sir

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You are hereby notified that your services, for the reasons above stated, will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Regretting the necessity that compels this course.

I am very respectfully

[illegible]
Superintendent

George R. Rogers
Carpenter

Sept. 28 8

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You are therefore notified that your services for the reasons above stated will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Regretting the necessity that compels this course,

I am, Very respectfully

Superintendent

Samuel J. Smith
Laborer

Sept 28 8

Sir

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The appropriation for "Wages of workmen and adjusters" is much below the amount required to maintain the present working force of the Mint, and the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has required the Superintendent of the Mint to reduce the force accordingly.

You are therefore notified that your services for the reasons above stated, will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Very respectfully

James Coleman Esq
Laborer

Superintendent

Sept. 28/ 8

Sir

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The appropriation for "Wages of workmen and adjusters" is much below the amount required to maintain the present working force of the Mint, and the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has required the Superintendent of the Mint to reduce the force accordingly.

You are therefore notified that your services for the reasons above stated, will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Very respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Superintendent

Boise Dillon Esq.
Laborer

Sept. 28

Sir

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The appropriation for "Wages of Workmen and adjusters", is much below the amount required to maintain the present working force of the Mint, and the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has required the Superintendent of this Mint to reduce the force accordingly.

You are therefore notified that your services for the reasons above stated will be no longer required after the 30th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

John Henry Esq
Laborer

Sept 26 8

Sir

Your requisition of the 25th inst, for ten (10) obverse Double Eagle dies for the Mint at San-Francisco, was received this morning.

I have to day forwarded the above dies to that Mint by the Adams Express Co, together with five (5) reverse Double Eagle dies, fifteen dies in all.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Sept 26 '8

Sir

Not being able to procure a certificate of deposit as requested in your letter of the 25th inst, I herewith transmit Drexel & Co's sight draft on their New York house, in my favor endorsed to your order, for $100, the amount remitted to me, by mistake, for dimes, in your letter of the 4th inst. I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

G. A. Lewis, Esq

Maysville

N. C.

Sept. 26th 8

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. 6982 to your order for Thirty five thousand eight hundred & fifty two 67/100 (35,852.67/100) Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.13 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St.
New York

Sept. 26th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6981. to your Order for Twenty four thousand, three hundred & forty eight $^{39}/_{100}$ (24.348.$^{39}/_{100}$) Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ \$1^{13} per Oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co
12 Pine St.
New York

Sept. 26th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos. 6981 & 6982 for $24,348.39 and $35,852.67 each respectively, the first in favor of Laidlaw & Co., & the last in favor of J. B. Colgate & Co. all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Sept 27 8

Gentlemen.

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 25th inst, with regard to the Trade Dollar.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
H. J. Howe & Co
Syracuse
N. Y.

Sept 27   8

Sir.

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 24th inst, with regard to Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

W. C. Lana, Esq
Jacksonville
Ala

Sept 27

Sir.

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 20th inst, with regard to Mexican and Texas Indians.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Barbour

Secy

Mr.
N. P. Catlett, Esq.
Staunton
Va

Sept 27 8

Elmer Haines,
Carey, Ohio.

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been received.

Your silver dollar of 1795 is not worth more than one dollar unless it be in an uncirculated (that is, unworn) condition, in which case it might be worth one or two dollars more.

If you wish to sell it your application should be made to coin dealers. The Mint Cabinet is supplied, and we do not need another specimen.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock

Sept 27 8

Sir

I herewith transmit my Estimates of Appropriations required for the service of this Office for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1880.

They are the same as those for the current year, except for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters, and for Incidental and Contingent Expenses which in my judgment should be increased to $25,000. and $5,000, respectively as stated. The proposed increase under these heads is regarded as indispensable if the preparation of standard silver dollars is to be kept up, and the Mint required to do its full regular work.

This increase would not have been necessary if the special appropriation made by the Act of Feby 28. 1878, for the expense of coining standard silver dollars was still available, but that resource having been cut off, the moderate increase that I have suggested in the regular appropriations, becomes a necessity.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 27 8-

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst, I herewith forward, as requested, the report of our Assayer, W. E. Du Bois, of his assays of the Japanese coins and slips, enclosed in your letter. I also enclose the copy of two letters on this subject furnished by the Secretary of State and enclosed in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

Sept 27 8

Sir,

The battered half eagle enclosed in your letter of the 25th inst, proves upon examination, to be 2 1/2 grains light, and worth only \$4 90 a sum that cannot conveniently be remitted by mail. If you will send me ten cents to make up the amount, I will mail you a five dollar bill, if you so direct.

This transaction is entirely outside of Mint operations, and I attend to it as a purely personal accommodation to yourself.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. C. C. Walker.

Georgetown. D.C.

Sept. 27th 8

Silver Purchase

from Laidlaw & Co.

New York

24th inst 8

21.570 —

20.547.25

$1.18 24.348.39

To

Director of the Mint

Jas Pollock

Sept 28 8

Sir

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 26th inst, with regard to the bullion value of Mexican and Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Day

Supt

Mr. J. R. Holland, Cas.
Charlotte
N. C.

Sept 28 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending September 28. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 28th 8

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 3.936.126.24 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Septr. 28th 8

Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.

Transfer more money to my Credit with Asst. Treasurer at New York, at once. Fund exhausted for purchase of Silver, and parties waiting for Checks.

Jas. Pollock,
Supt

Sept. 28th 8

Sir.

I telegraphed you this day thus; "Transfer more money to my credit "with Asst. Treasurer at New "York, at once. Fund exhausted "and parties waiting for Checks"

We are some $18,000. Short of funds sufficient to close for deliveries. Please oblige by an early transfer

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Sept. 28th 78.

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. [illegible] [illegible] for Fifty six thousand three hundred & [illegible] [illegible] ($[illegible]) in Standard Silver Dolls. in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ 113 c. per Ounce fine.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mess. J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Sept. 28th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6984 to your order for Thirty thousand and eighteen $\frac{28}{}$ (30.018 $\frac{28}{}$) Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1464 per oz. fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Crumbe

24 Nassau St.

New York

Care of Bank of

New York.

Septr. 28th 8

Gentlemen.

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 6984 to your order, for Thirty thousand and eighteen $\frac{28}{}$ Standard Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.^{1402} per Oz. fine

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs Handy & Cronise
24 Nassau St.
New York

Septr. 28th 8

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos 6983 & 6984 for \$56.505,71 and \$30.018.28 each respectively, the first in favor J. B. Colgate & Co, and the last in favor of Handy & Ameise, all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. US
New York

Septr. 28th 8

Gentlemen

Please return to me by next mail the Receipts enclosed for your Signature in my remittance of Check No. 6981, on the 26th inst;

Very Respectfully Yours &c

Jas. [illegible]

Supt.

Messrs. Laidlaw & Co
12 Pine St.
New York

Sept. 28th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6985 to your Order for Thirty nine Thousand Seven hundred and Sixteen ^{76} (39.716.^{76}) Std. Silver Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Director of the Mint @ $^{\$}1.^{13}$ per Oz. fine

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co

New York

Sept 30 8

Sir:

The enclosed circular will furnish the information called for in your letter of the 26th inst, with regard to Mexican and Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
W. H. McKnight
Louisville
Ky

Sept 20 8

Sir.

The enclosed circular answers your inquiry in the affirmative, of the 28th inst. with regard to Mexican dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

C. N. G. Butt, Esq. Cas.
Charlotte
N. C.

Sept. 30th 8

Gentlemen

I have forwarded this day to your order in care of the Bank of New York, Check No. 6986, for $11.231 16 in payment for Silver Bullion Sold the Director of the Mint @ $1.1407 per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Harman
24 Nassau St.
New York